サイボーグ CYBORG 009

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Shotaro Ishinomori

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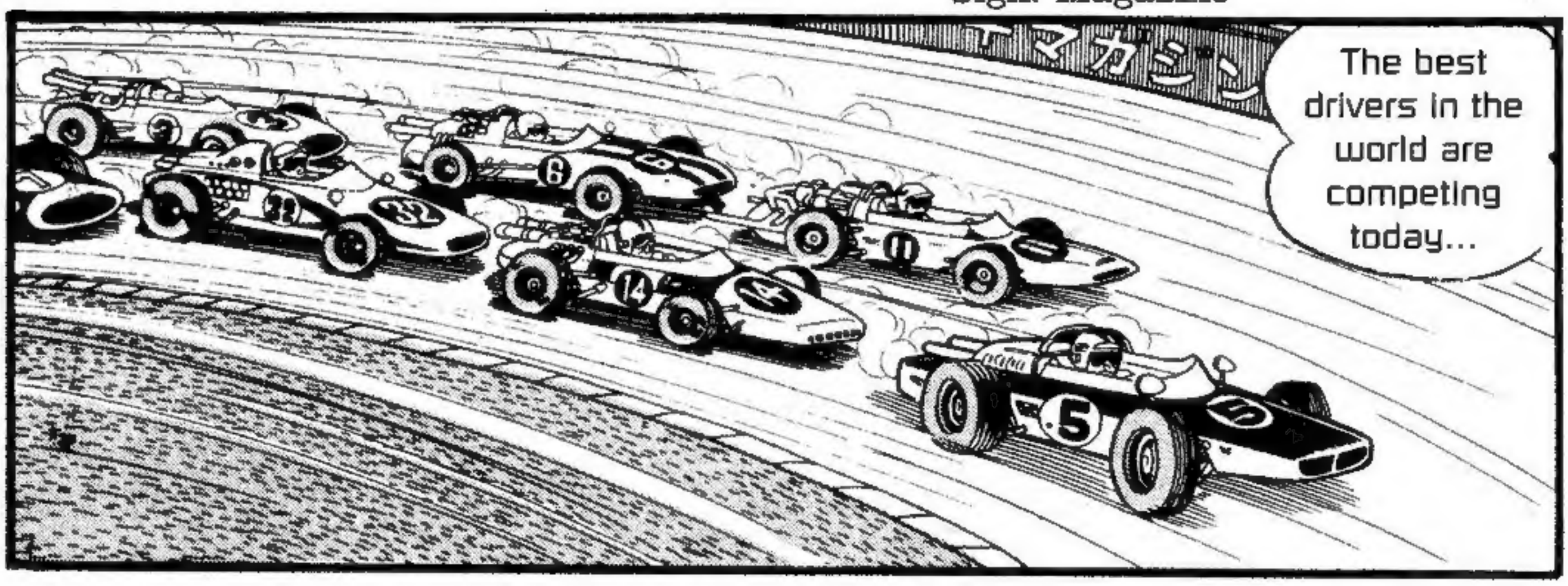

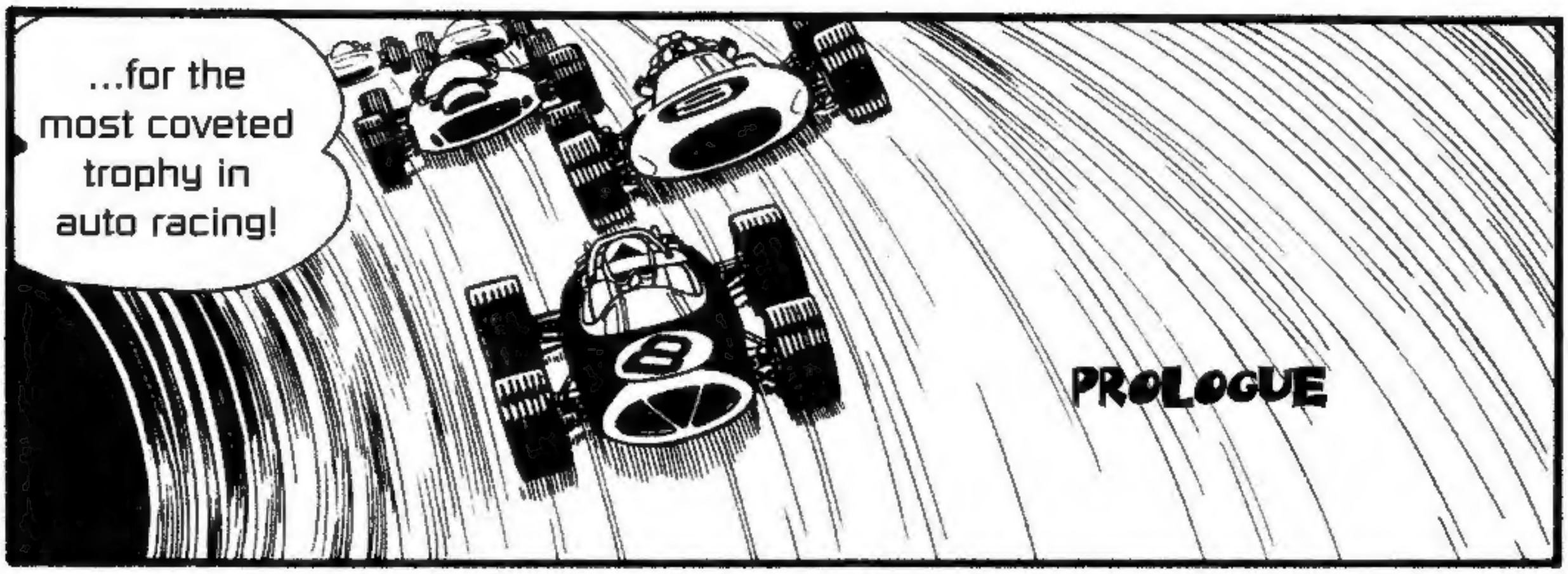

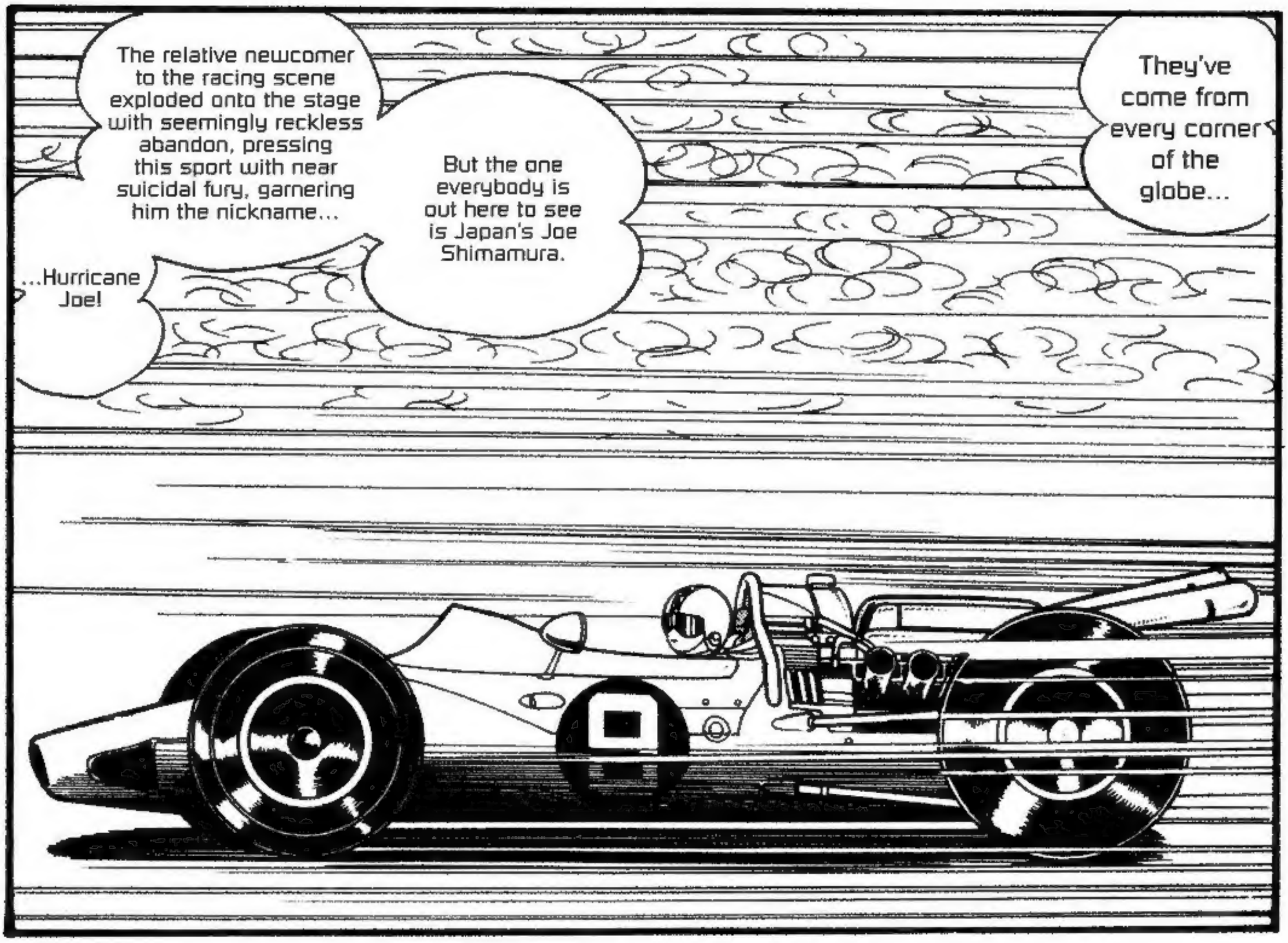
The relative newcomer to the racing scene exploded onto the stage with seemingly reckless abandon, pressing this sport with near suicidal fury, garnering him the nickname...
...Hurricane Joe!
But the one everybody is out here to see is Japan's Joe Shimamura.
They've come from every corner of the globe...

WAA
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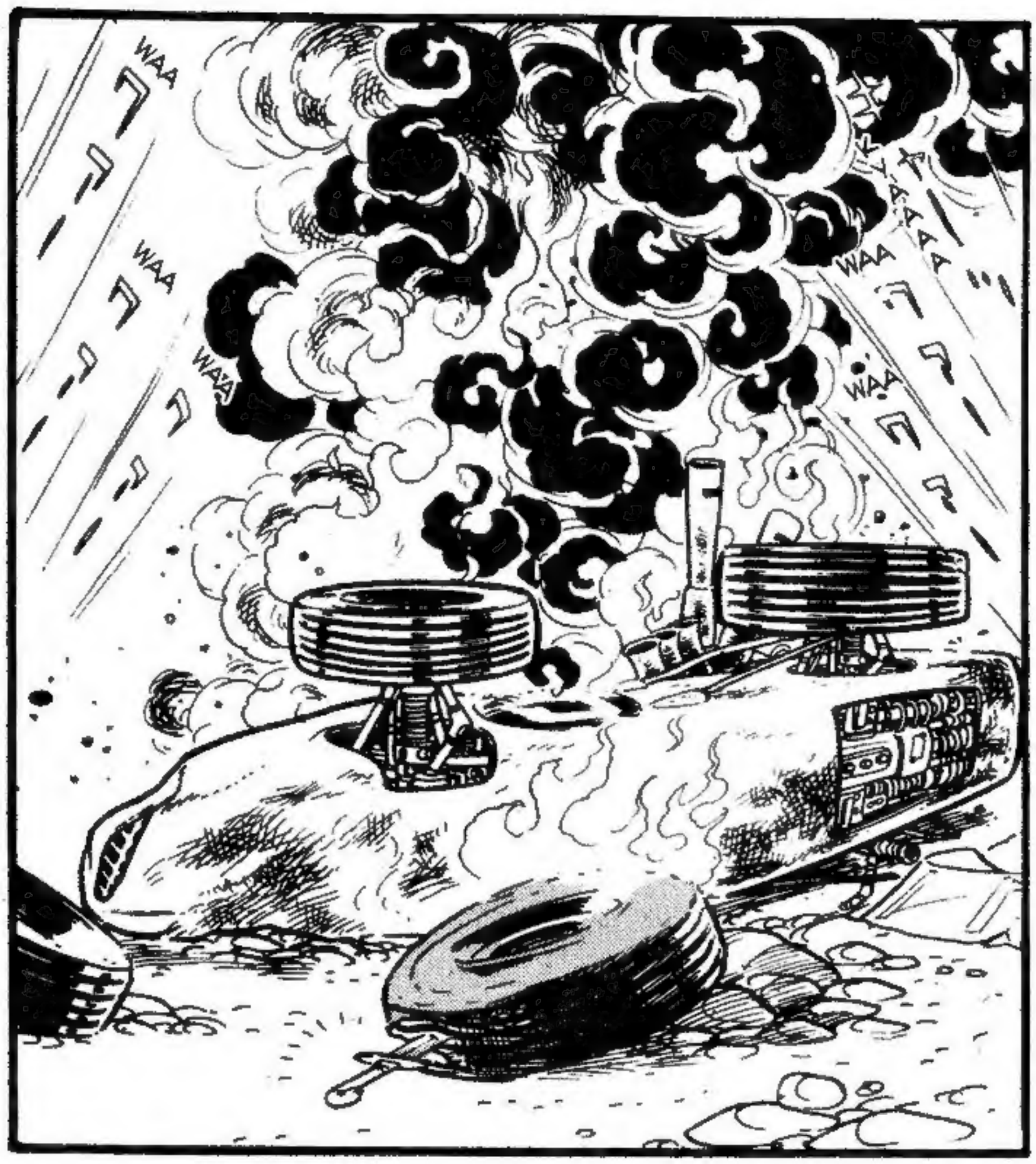
Look at him go! Leaving everyone in his dust!
VROOOOOOM
KRAK
SKREEEE
KREC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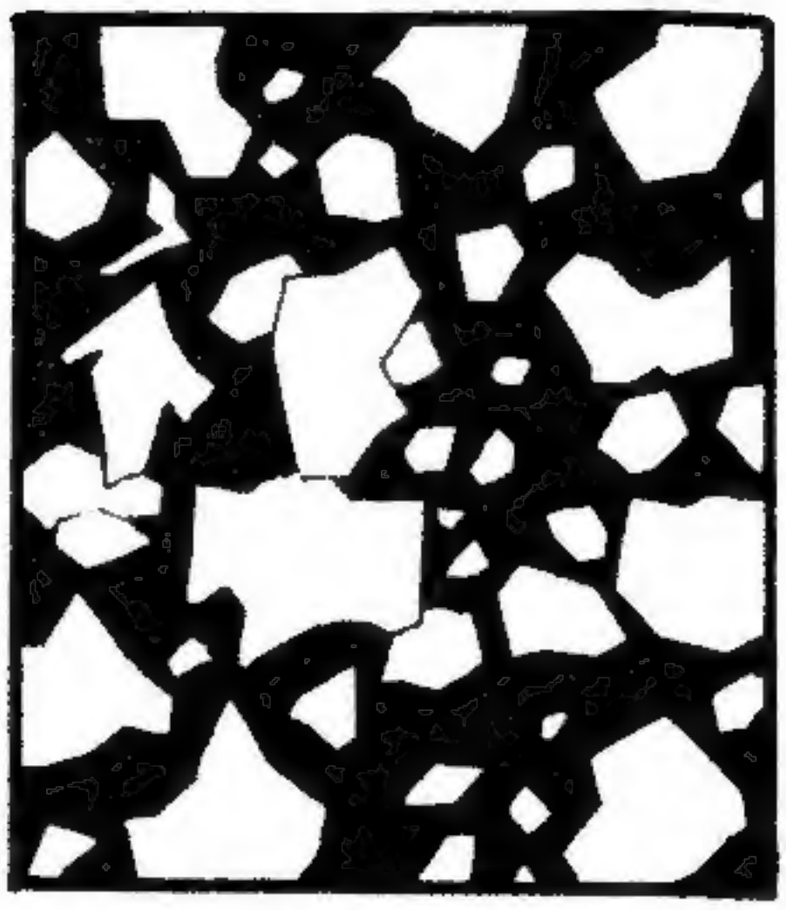

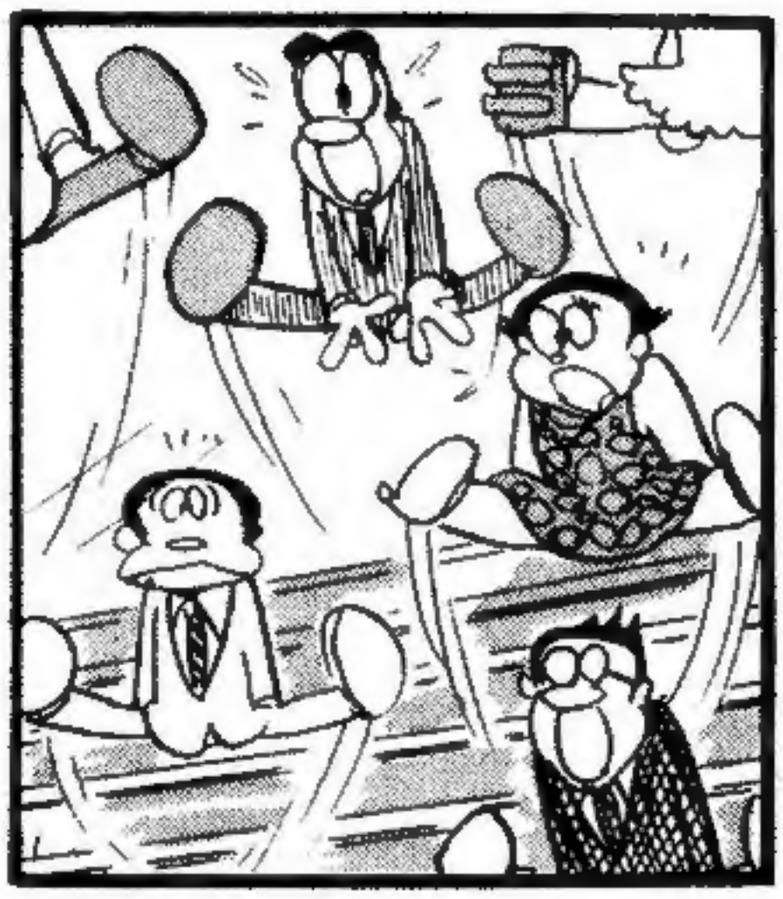

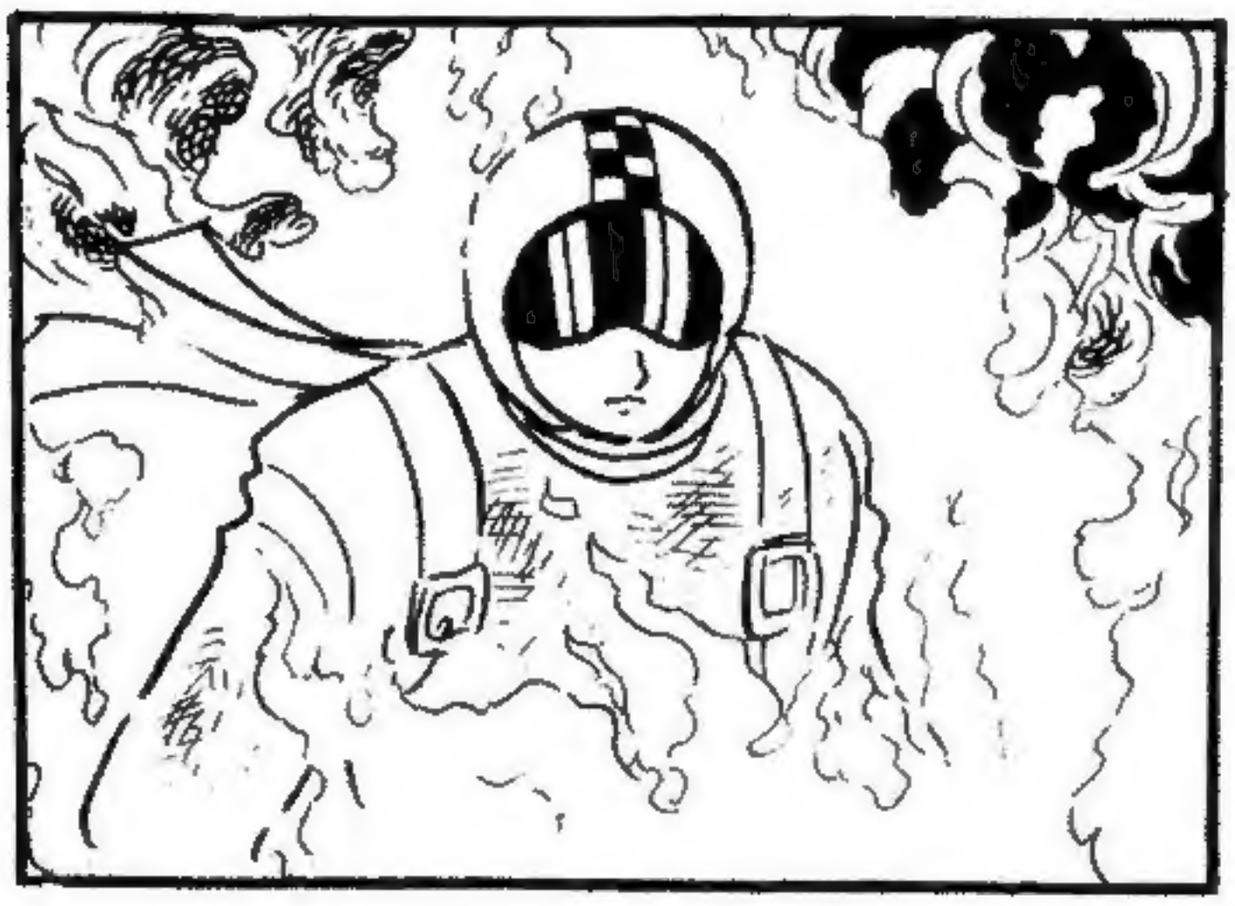

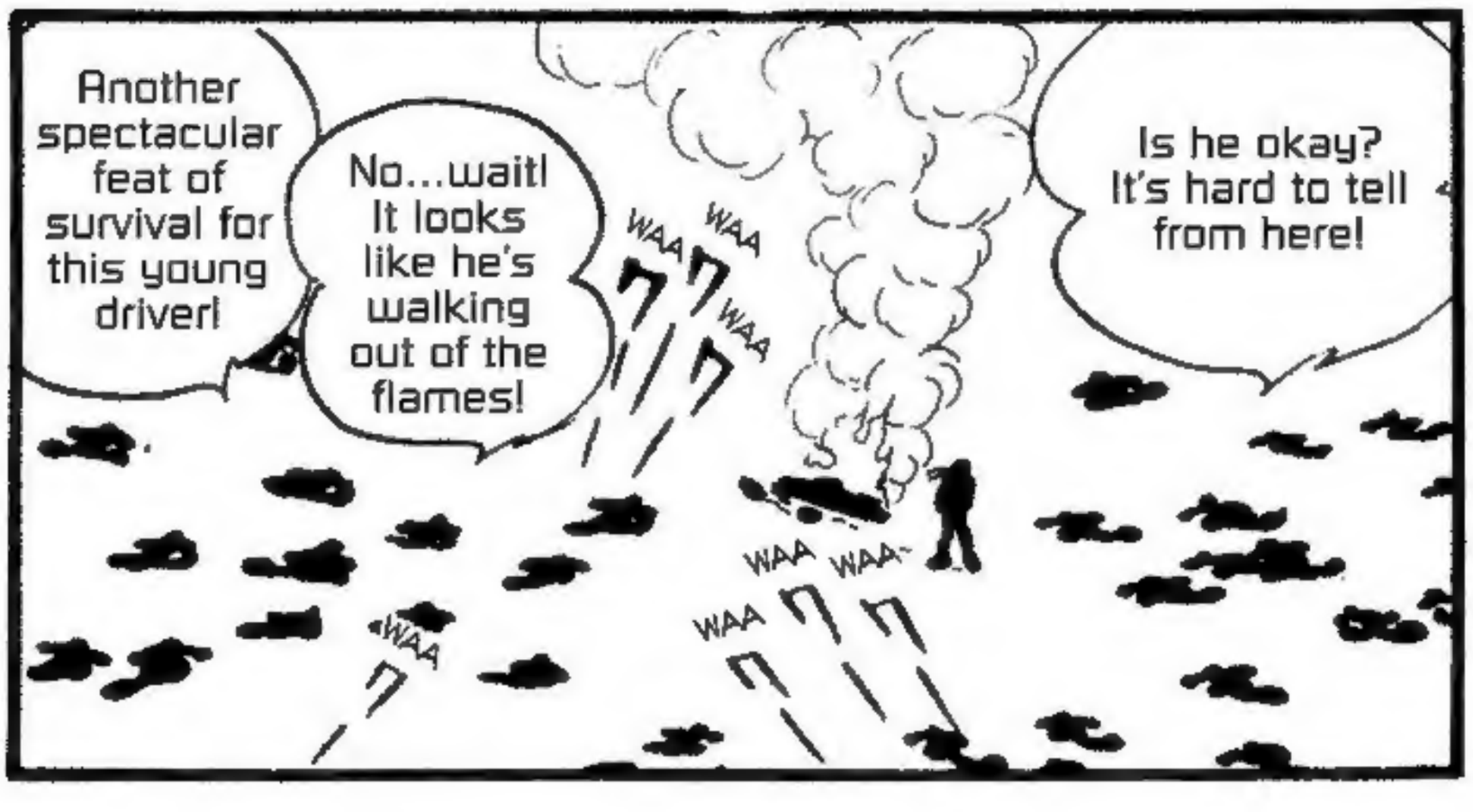
Another spectacular feat of survival for this young driver!
No...wait! It looks like he's walking out of the flames!
Is he okay? It's hard to tell from here!
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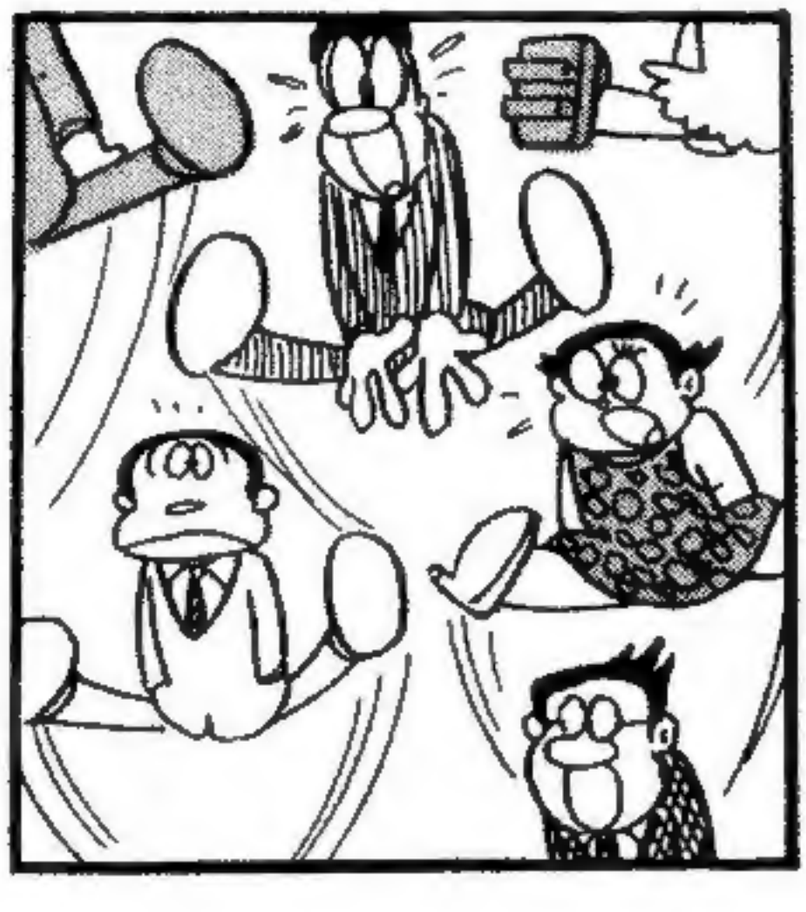


I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE MY TRANSFORMATION... SINCE MY ABDUCTION FROM KURIHAMA JUVENILLE HALL...SINCE I BECAME... THIS!

THEY MUTATED ME FROM A HUMAN BEING INTO A CYBERNETIC MONSTER!

EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN'T SEE ANY INJURIES, BLACK GHOST HAS DAMAGED MY SOUL BEYOND REPAIR!

JUST A FEW SCRAPES AND BRUISES. NOTHING SERIOUS.

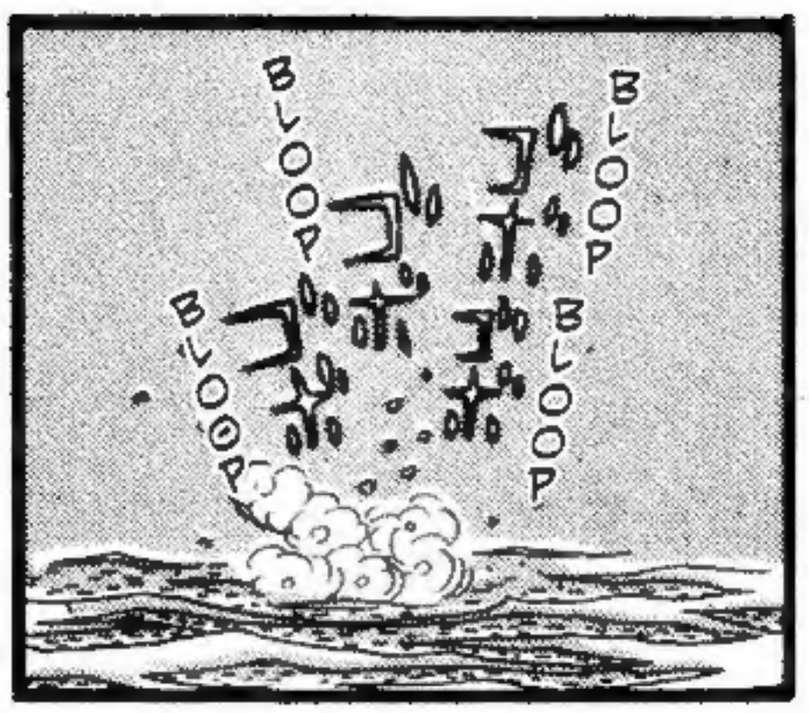
CALM DOWN, FOLKS. DON'T WORRY.

I LIVE A LIE...

CRASH

SSSSH

SPLASH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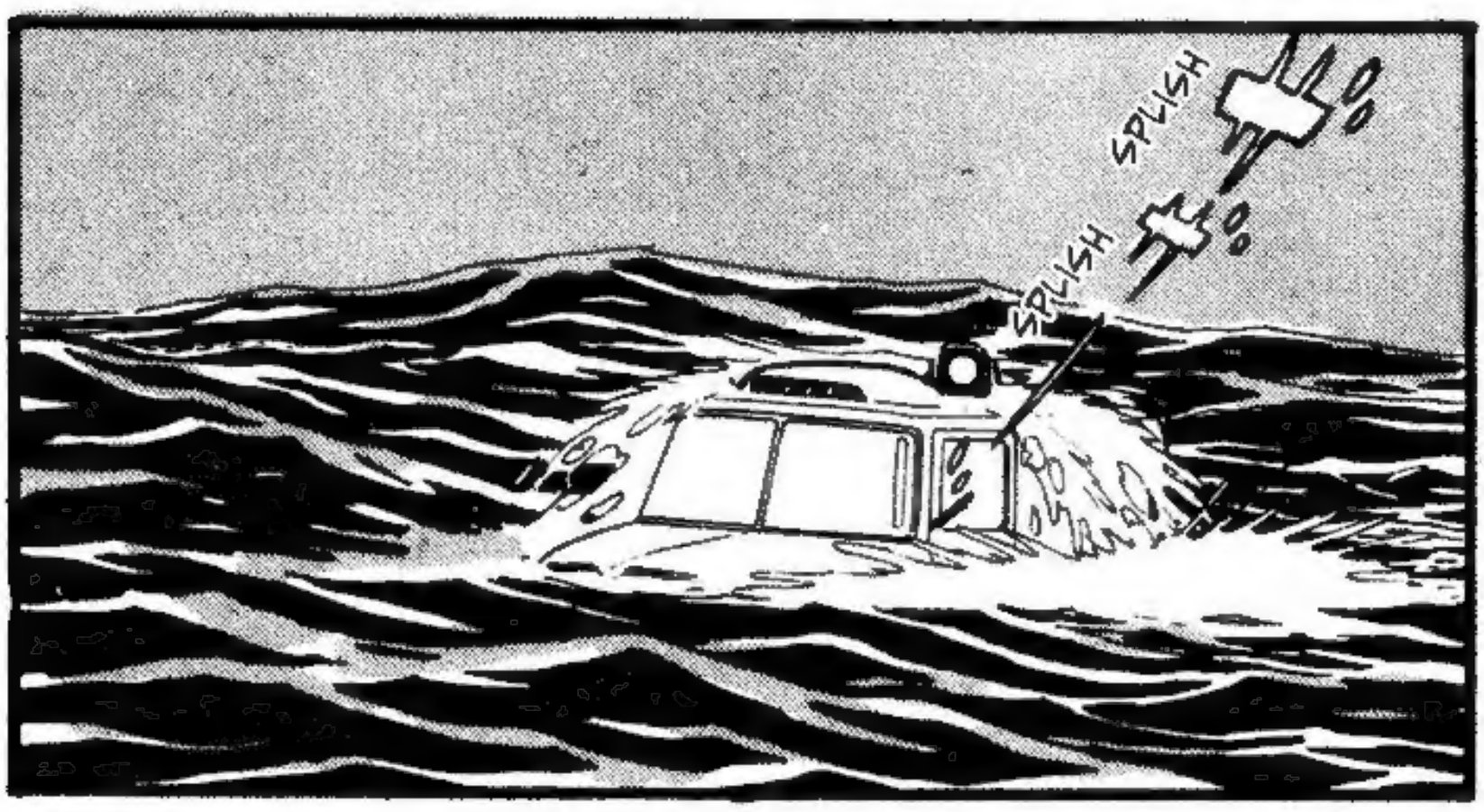
SPLOOF


SPLISH
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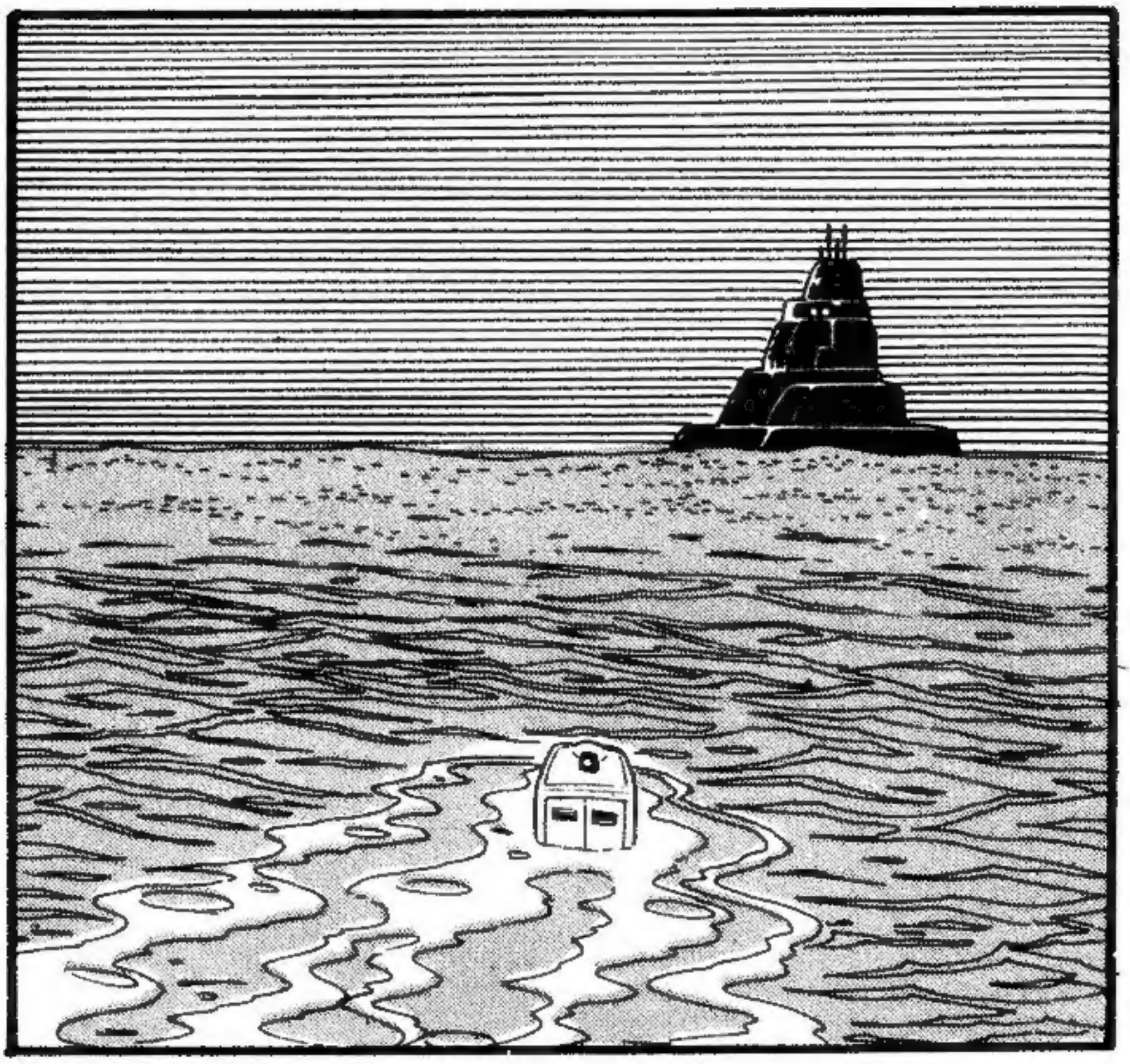
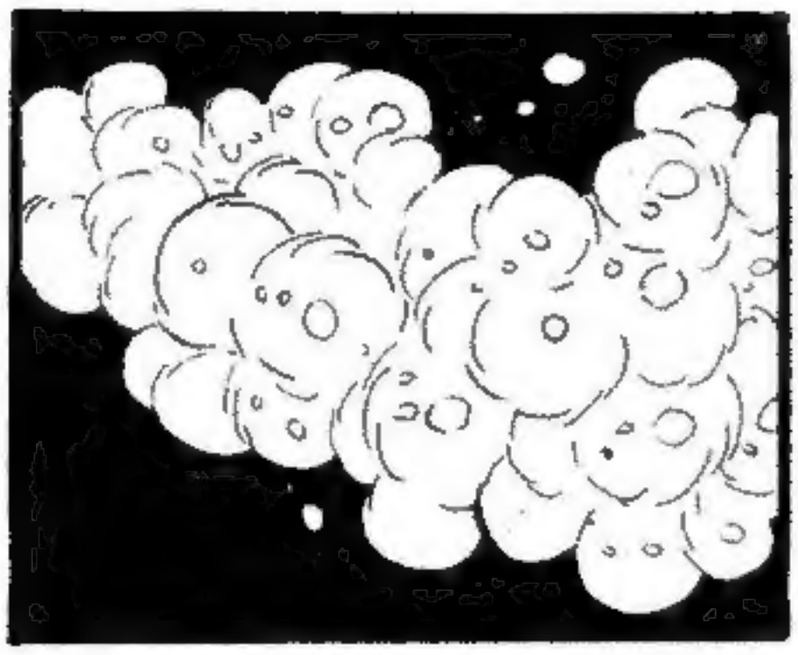
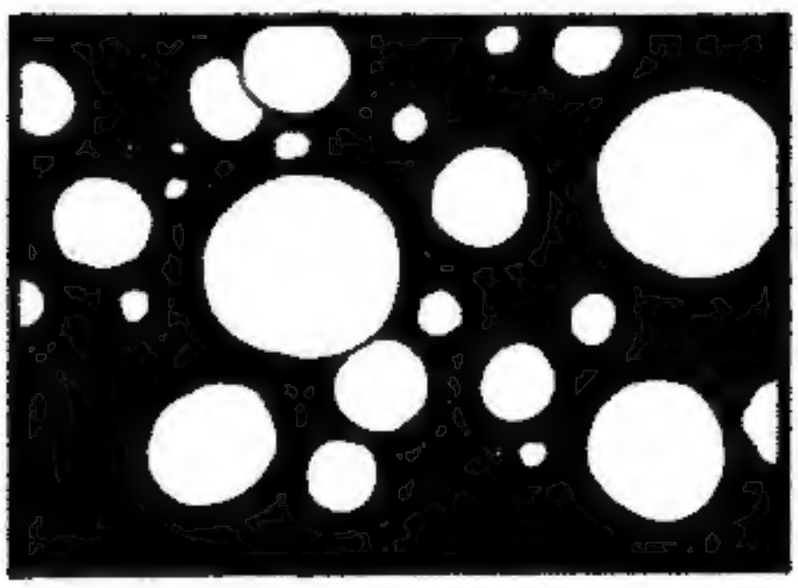
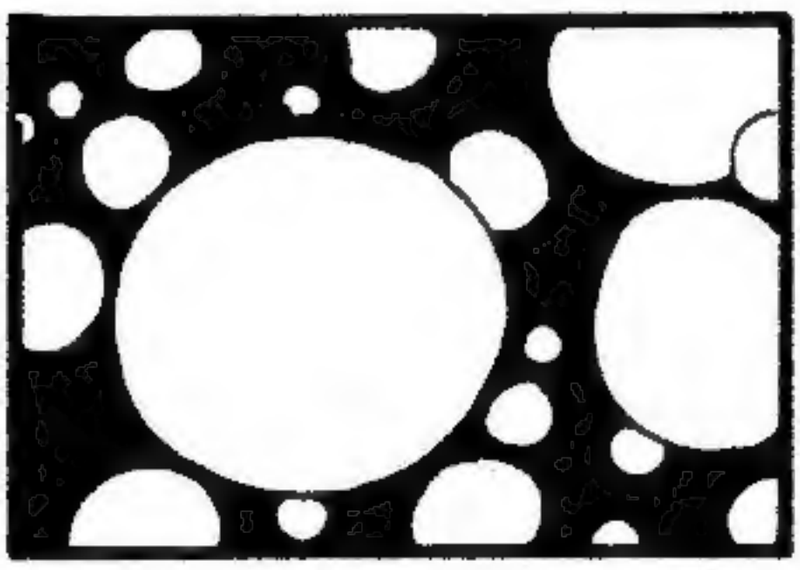
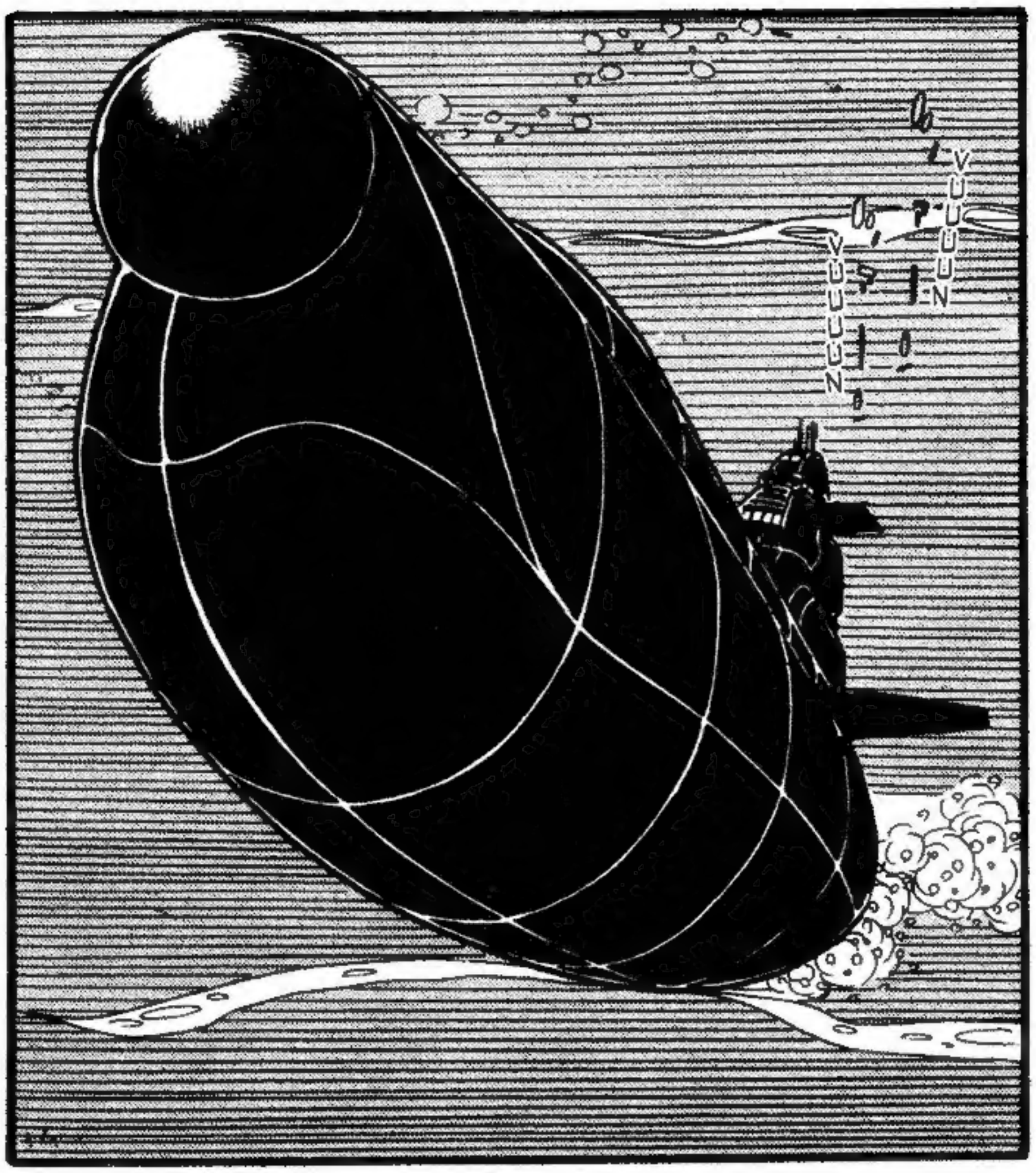
LIKE BAGGING MICE.
HEH HEH HEH.










VUUU

BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP

HOW DID I GET HERE?

THIS IS RIDI-CULOUS!

HELLO?

ANY-ONE THERE?

WHY AM I WEARING THIS COSTUME?

WHERE AM I?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

HUH?

DUN DUN DUN

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

FWOOO

AAH!

CLATTER

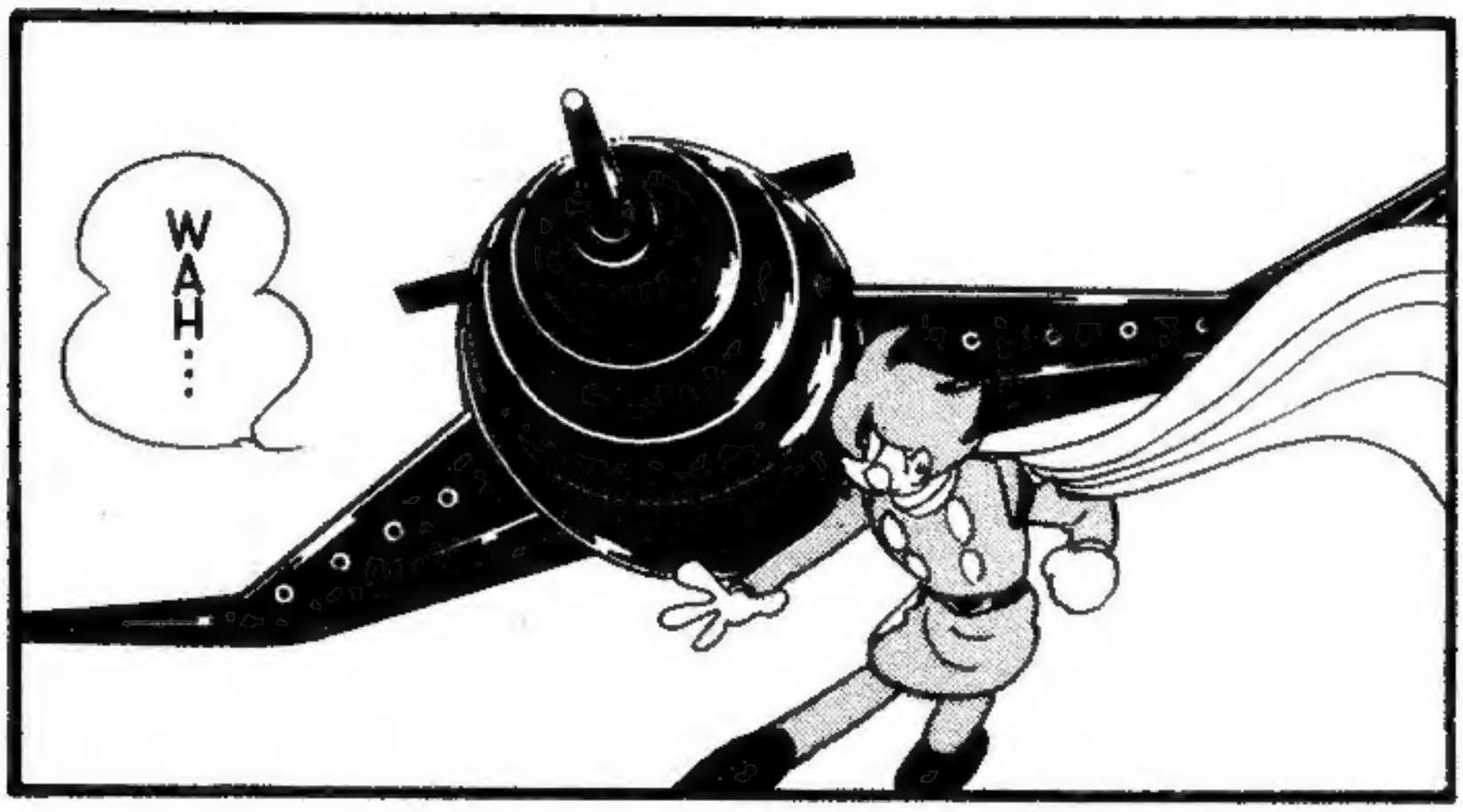
ROLL

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN CRUSHED TO DEATH!

WHOA! THIS IS AMAZING!

WHAT?!

WEEEEN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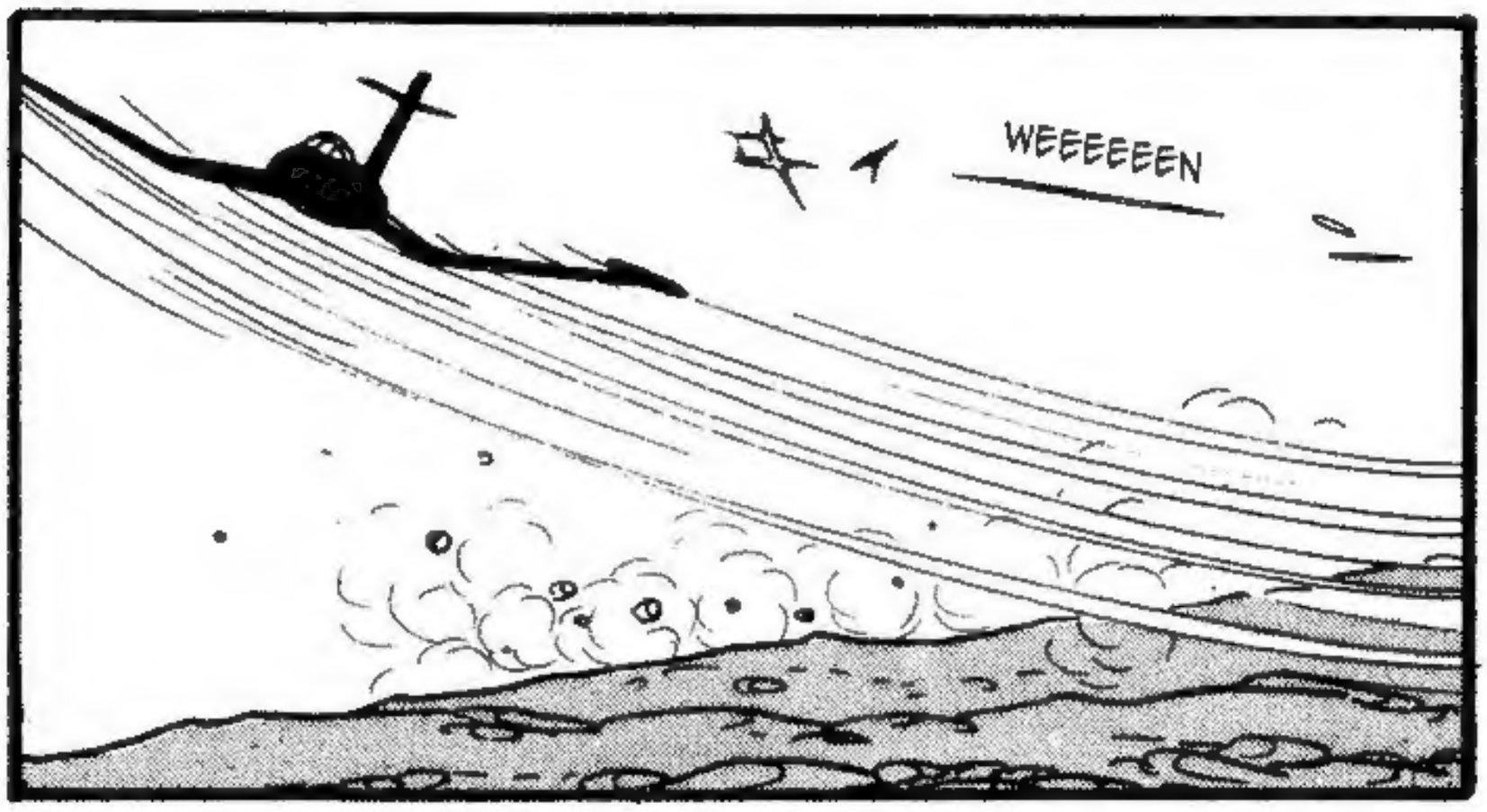
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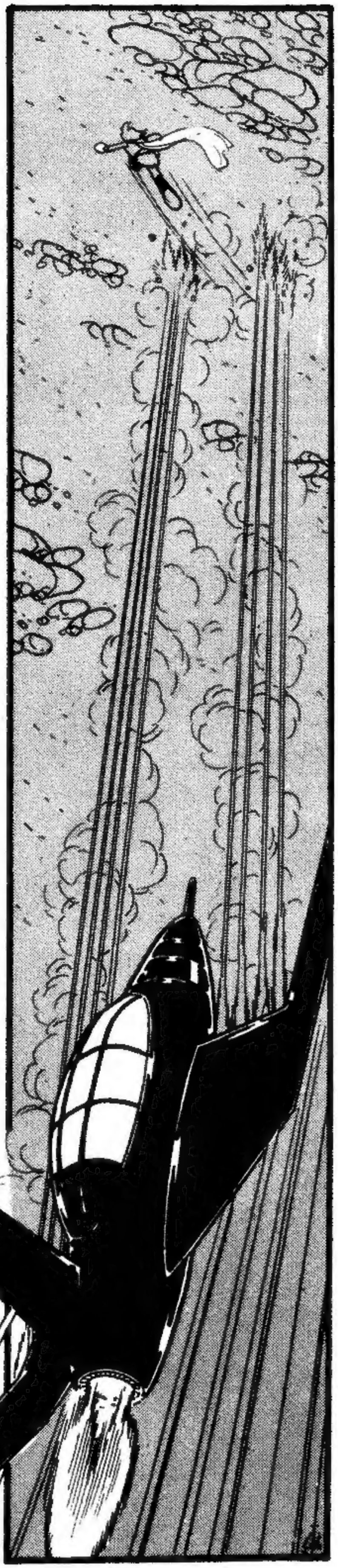

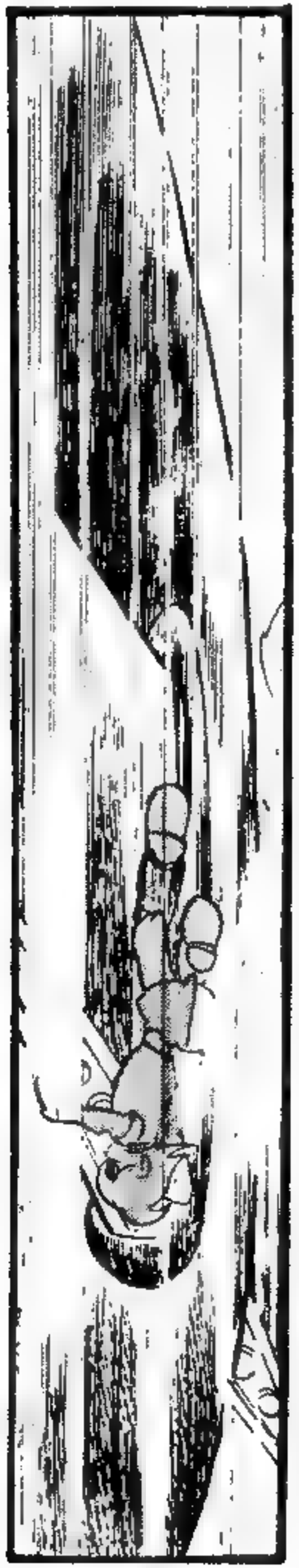

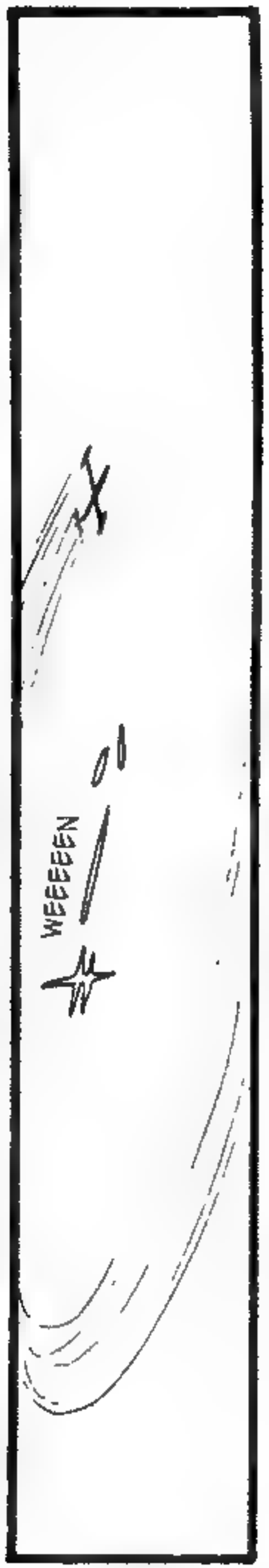
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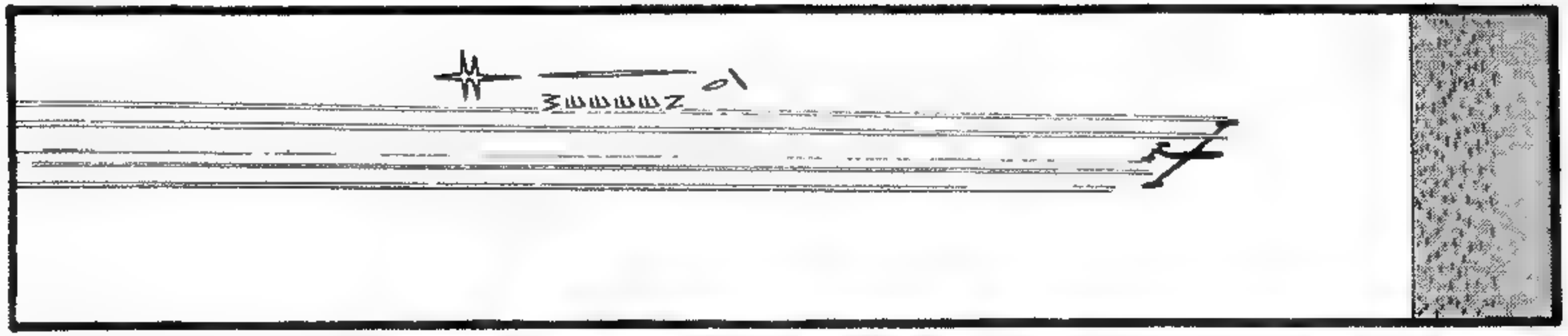

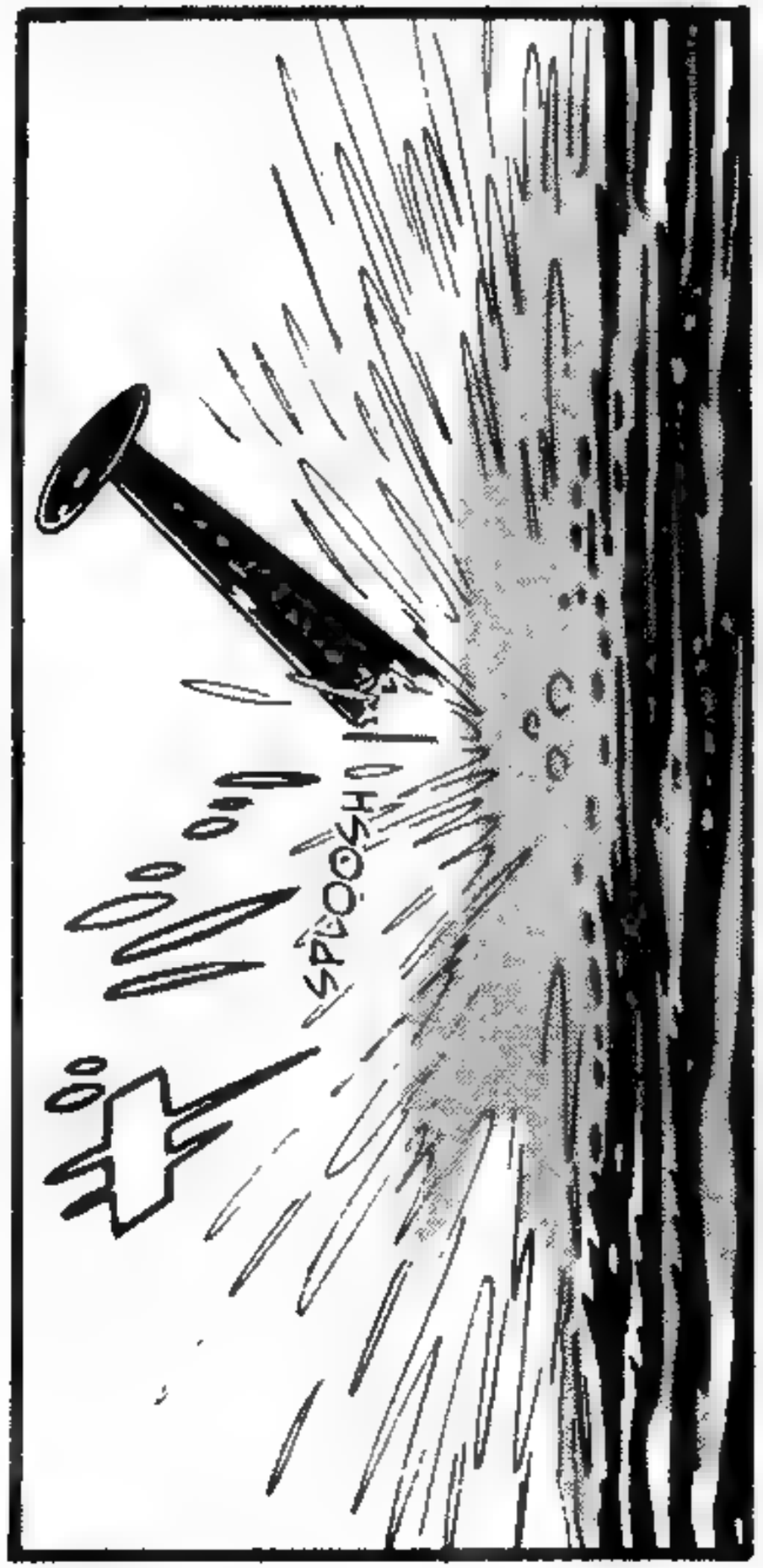
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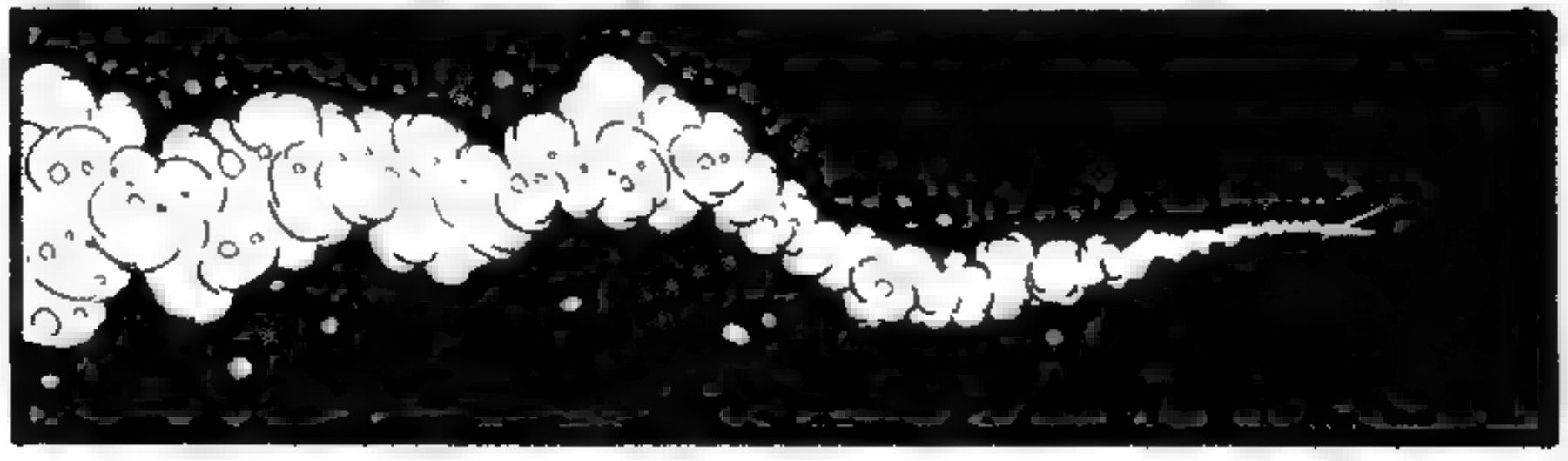


BUAAH.

AND I RAN FASTER THAN NORMAL, WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT!

IT DIDN'T EVEN HURT WHEN I FELL FROM THE SKY.

...AS EASILY AS I CAN BREATHE NOW.

I COULD BREATHE UNDER-WATER...

THAT'S WEIRD...

YOU'LL BE READY BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

EXCELLENT! LOOKS LIKE YOU PASSED THE TEST.

NO! MY NAME IS JOE!

00?

...YOU'LL BE CALLED 009! YOU'RE OUR NINTH CYBORG CREATION.

YOUR NAME WAS JOE! BUT FROM NOW ON...

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.

READY? READY FOR WHAT?

MY NAME IS DR. GILMORE. AND YOU, MY YOUNG LAD, ARE 009!

NOT SO FAST, GILMORE! ALL OF YOU, HANDS IN THE AIR!

NEVER MIND HIM. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO YOUR TEAMMATES.

BLACK GHOST?

THE LIFE YOU HAD BEFORE, THE IDENTITY YOU KNEW, ARE NO LONGER. YOU BELONG TO BLACK GHOST NOW.

HA HA HA.

YEAH?

WELL, WE ARE ABOUT TO ACHIEVE THE *IMPOSSIBLE*!

WHAT?! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

THE...THE CYBORGS HAVE GONE MAD!

YIKES!

BA

BA

BA

BA

BA

TOODLE-LOO.

INDEED. SO WE WILL BE TAKING OUR CYBORG BROTHER *007* WITH US!

EXACTLY. YOU CAN IMPLANT ALL OF THE CYBORG PARTS YOU WANT, BUT WE STILL HAVE OUR HEARTS!

Goo goo!

OR PERHAPS OUR HUMANITY HAS OVERCOME YOUR TECH-NOLOGY.

HAVE WE REALLY?

BLAST THEM TO PIECES! THEY'VE OBVIOUSLY MALFUNCTIONED BEYOND OUR CONTROL!!

THIS IS LUDI-CROUS!

...IS THAT WE WILL NO LONGER BE A PART OF YOUR EVIL SCHEMES.

WHAT MY FELLOW CYBORG ARE SAYING...

AHEM.

FLING

TOSS

WHOK

WHUD

FWISH

OOOF!

DR. GILMORE...

...COME WITH US, PLEASE.

HEH!

MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE US SO HIGHLY SKILLED!

HAH!

THEY PLAN TO GET RICH WATCHING THE WORLD BLOW ITSELF TO BITS...WE WANT TO SAVE IT.

BUT HERE'S THE RUB...

YES, THE CHOICE IS YOURS, MATE.

009, WE ASK YOU TO COME WITH US AS WELL.

...

CHAK

WE'LL NEED YOUR EXPER-TISE.

KRIK

...IF YOU HADN'T MADE US SO POWERFUL!

I GUESS YOU COULD TRY AND STOP US...

UUHHH.

THE REST OF YOU BETTER STAY PUT FOR THE NEXT HOUR...

...OR DR. GILMORE WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE!

UH...

DAMN.

BA BA

CHAK

ガシャン

WEE-OO
WEE-OO
FLASH
非常ベル
TIK
TIK
TIK
Sign: Emergency Alarm
WEEE-OOO
POIK
SQUAWK
SQUAWK
WEEE-OOO
WEEE-OOO
WEEE-OOO
UHH?
OH NO!
WE BETTER GET TO WHERE WE'RE HEADED P.D.Q.
WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!
WHAT NOW?

AND WE'VE ONLY GOTTEN THIS FAR?! THERE'S STILL SO FAR TO GO! WE'RE DOOMED!

TWENTY MINUTES?

AN HOUR? TRY FORTY MINUTES. WE'VE BEEN HUFFING IT ALREADY FOR TWENTY.

EVEN WITH THE ALARM, THE SCIENTISTS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. AND OUT OF LOYALTY TO GILMORE, THEY'LL STAY PUT FOR AN HOUR.

WHUMP

CAREFUL! NOT THAT WAY!!

SCRATCH! SCRATCH!

POP

BNNB

BZZZZ

HAH! I DON'T THINK THAT'LL BE BUGGING US ANYMORE.

QUIVER

にやり SNEER

AT YOUR SERVICE! AND PLEASE, I PREFER 'EM STIRRED!

007?

SO... YOU'RE ONE OF US, EH?

I'M CERTAIN IT'S BEEN FITTED WITH A SPY CAM.

TOO LATE. IT'S ALREADY BEAMED OUR POSITION BACK TO BASE.

SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT.

?

HERE, DR. GILMORE. LET ME GET THAT FOR YOU.

HOWEVER, HIS TALENTS FAR OUTWEIGH THAT RATHER MINOR DEBILITY.

UNFORTU-NATELY, BLACK GHOST COULD DO NOTHING TO ENHANCE HIS COMEDIC NATURE.

007'S IS A PHENOM-ENAL SUBJECT WE CALL A SHAPE SHIFTER.

WHOA! WHAT THE...? YOU GUYS ARE MAKING MY HEAD SPIN!

HE EVEN OFFERED HIMSELF UP AS 'THE HOSTAGE.'

DON'T WORRY, 009. THIS IS ALL PART OF DR. GILMORE'S PLAN.

I'M ALL EARS.

AH! FINALLY! OKAY, WE MUST NOW ORCHESTRATE A RATHER SPEEDY EXCAPE!

BLACK GHOST MAKES ITS MONEY BY SELLING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, PROMOTING GLOBAL WARFARE SO THAT ITS BUSINESS MAY GROW.

UNTIL THIRTY MINUTES AGO, I WORKED FOR AN EVIL CORPORATION CALLED BLACK GHOST.

009, TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND LISTEN.

THAT IS, UNTIL I REALIZED HOW DEPLORABLE THEIR GOALS REALLY WERE.

I WORKED FOR THEM FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS ONE OF THEIR TOP DE-VELOPMENTAL SCIENTISTS.

OFTENTIMES, THEY'RE ALSO HIRED BY THEIR 'CLIENTS' TO RECONSTRUCT DEVASTATED COUNTRIES IN NO-BID CONTRACTS.

SPLASH

SHH!

SUCCESS OR FAILURE, THIS ESCAPE IS ALL MY IDEA.

SPLISH

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

IT'S GOING BACK TO REPORT!

A SPY DOLPHIN HAS FOUND US!

THERE THEY ARE.

. . . . . .

SHUUU

WE ALL HAVE OUR SPECIALTIES. TAKE THE LOVELY 003 HERE, FOR EXAMPLE...

004 IS OUR UNDERWATER COMMANDO. HE'S JUST AS FAST IN THE OCEAN AS HE IS ON LAND.

THAT SHOULD DO IT.

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

SHE'S GOT ENHANCED SENSORY CAPABILITIES. SHE CAN HEAR EVEN THE SLIGHTEST SOUND FROM MILES AWAY. HER EYES ARE EQUALLY AS KEEN... AND WONDROUSLY INTOXICATING.

PEEP PEEP PEEP ピヒョヒョ

WE CAN BRING 009 UP TO SPEED AFTER WE'RE A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY.

ENOUGH DAWDLING! WE HAVE TO GET ROLLING, TROOPS!

THEIR EYES CAN'T FOLLOW US IN THERE.

WHAT ABOUT THAT CAVE OVER THERE?

WE'RE SITTING DUCKS HERE!

THOSE SEAGULLS ARE EQUIPPED WITH CAMERAS, TOO.

BLACK GHOST HAS ITS EYE IN THE SKY.

YOU GUYS GET TO THE CAVE!

I GOT IT.

OH NO, IT FOUND US!

PEEP-PEEP-

BLOOP BLOOP

HUH?

OF COURSE WE CAN ALL FLY! COME ON, LET'S GO!

002 IS OUR ACE! HE CAN FLY AT MACH 5!

A ROBOT DINOSAUR!

SHOULDA KNOWN!

SPLOOSH

EXAMPLE ONE, THE MISSILE LAUNCHERS IN HIS LEGS!

EVERY INCH OF HIS BODY CONTAINS A DEADLY WEAPON.

BEHOLD, IF YOU WILL, 004!

LEAVE IT TO ME.

CHAK

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AAAAH!
CHAK
SHUUU
PSSSH
GOOD JOB, 004.
KAWHOOOM

005 HAS THE STRENGTH OF ONE THOUSAND MEN!

006 HAS A HEAT BEAM...

HURRY! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!

SQUASH

SQUASH

SQUASH

AFTER YOU...

IT CAN MELT ALMOST ANY SUBSTANCE ON EARTH.

LOOK!

A PLANE!

HOW CONVENIENT!

DON'T WORRY, 009. IT'S AS EASY AS RIDING A BIKE! LISTEN TO YOUR INTUITION!

SURE HE WILL! C'MON, MAN! YOU CAN DO IT!

UH... UH...I MEAN...

WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT, 009?

CAN ANYONE FLY THIS THING?

HE LOOKS LIKE AN AVERAGE BABY, BUT HE HAS THE BRAIN OF A SUPREME GENIUS. TRUST HIM.

001 IS USING HIS TELEPATHY WITH YOU.

TEE HEE.

?

!!

GASP

IT'S NOT QUITE THAT EASY. BUT I'LL HELP YOU.

CHAK

HIT THAT GREEN BUTTON OVER THERE.

Goo goo.

HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.

SHUU

SHUU

SHUU

DO

DO

DO

DO

WHOOOOSH

BUT I DON'T SEE THEM ON THE RADAR--

OH NO! AN INTERCEPT SQUADRON HAS ALREADY LAUNCHED!

HUH?

THEY'RE DRONE PLANES. THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED REMOTELY.

THEY'RE HERE!

I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, 001...

WHOOOOSH

BUT I BELIEVE ...

FZZZZZZZ

001, VEER RIGHT!

THEY'RE GAINING ON US.

BRAK BRAK BRAK

WEEEEEEN

...I'VE GOT THE HANG OF THIS!

CAN I GET YOUR AUTO-GRAPH?

BULLS-EYE!

GOOD WORK, 009!

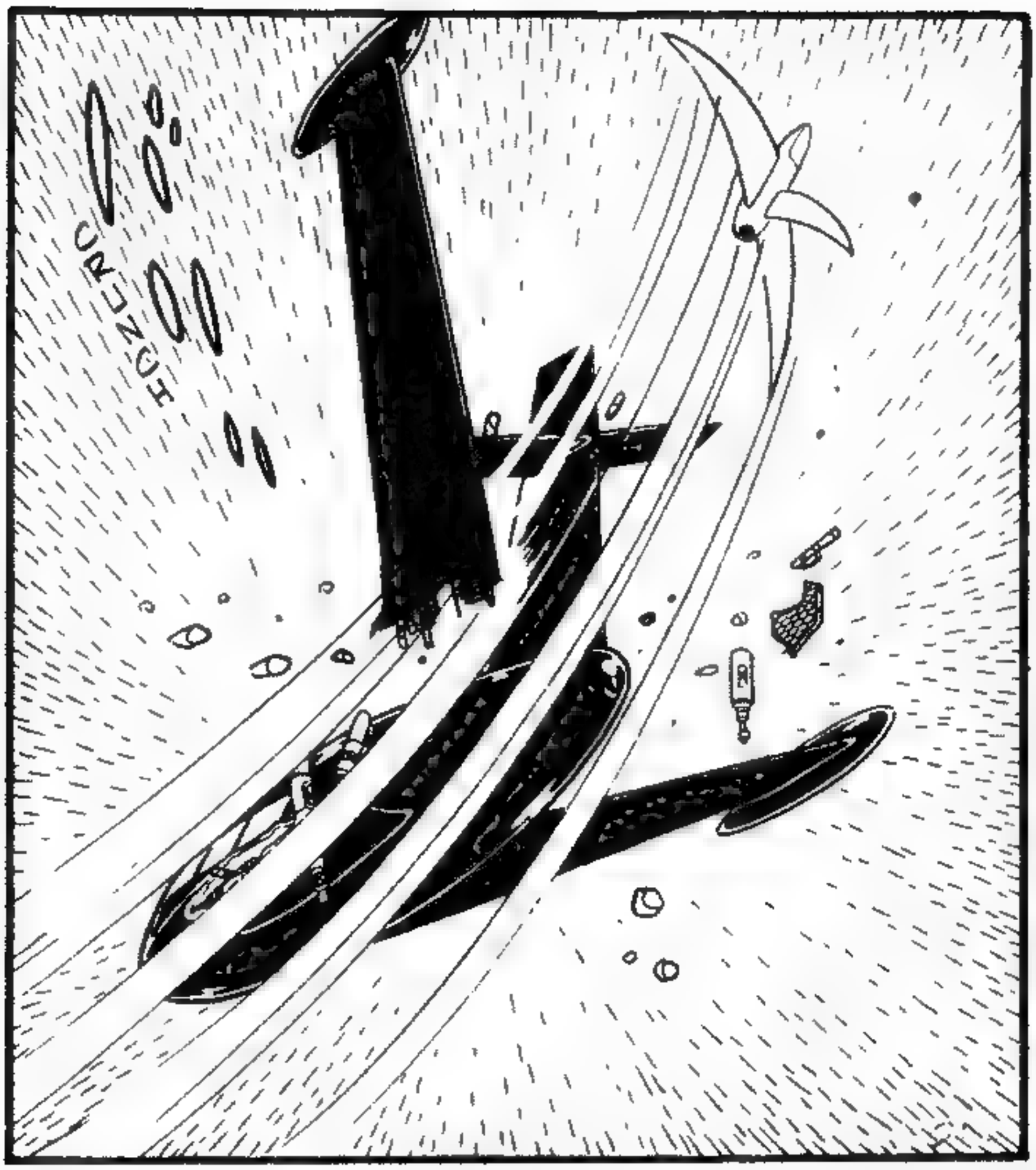
WHOOOSH

BOOM

THERE'S MORE.

FWISH

PAY ATTENTION, 009. WE'RE NOT OUT OF THIS YET. USE THE INDESTRUCTIBLE WINGS OF THIS CRAFT AGAINST THEM.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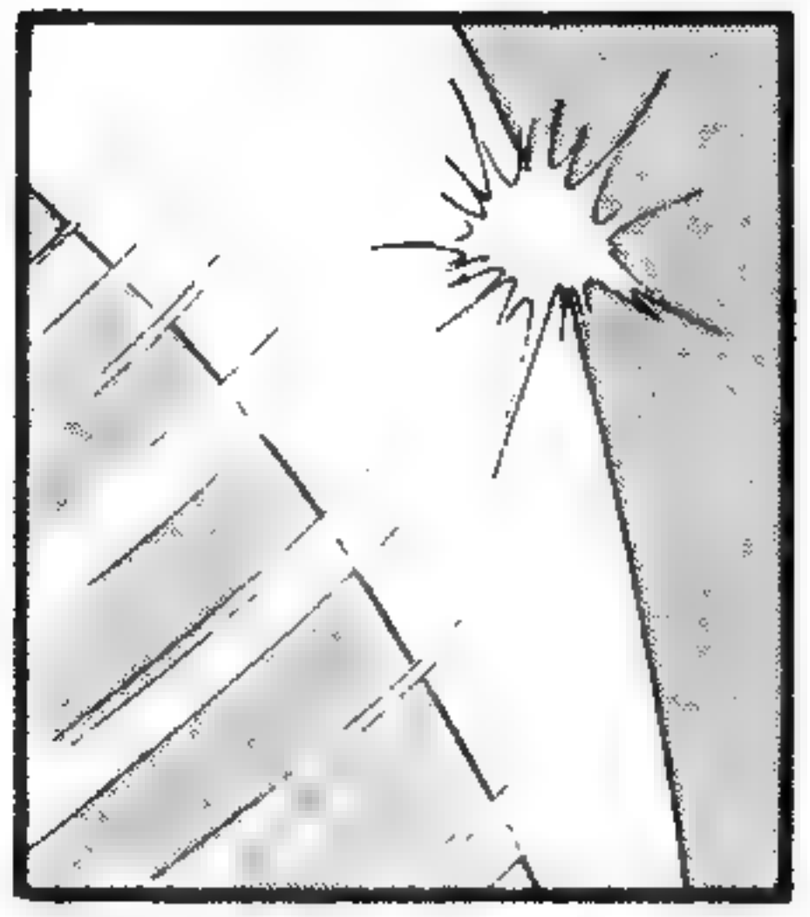

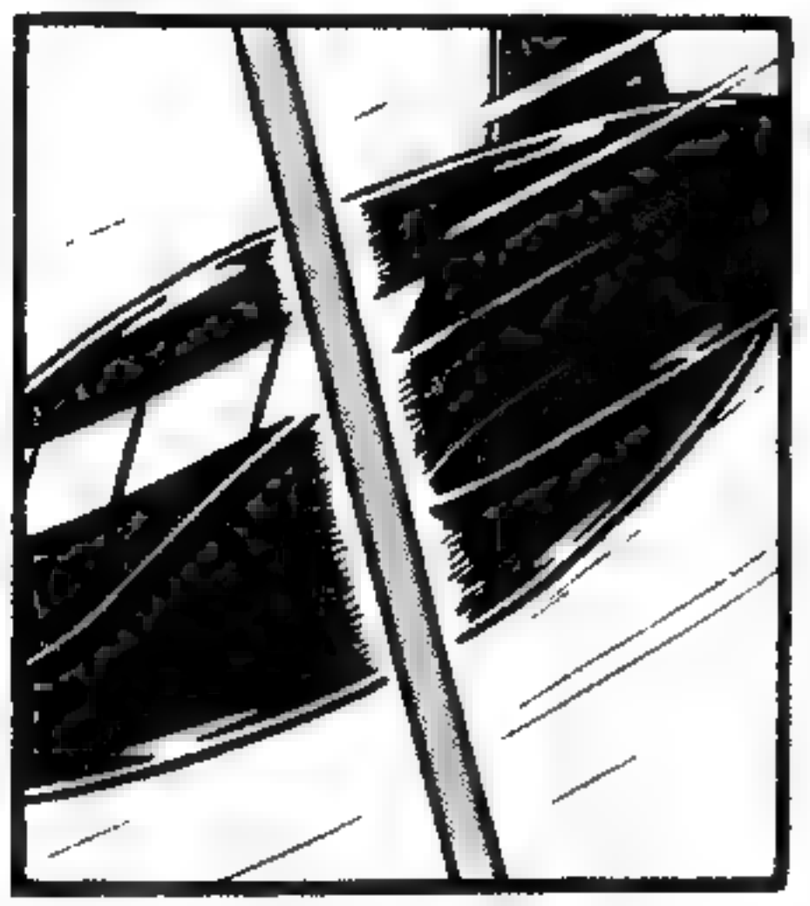

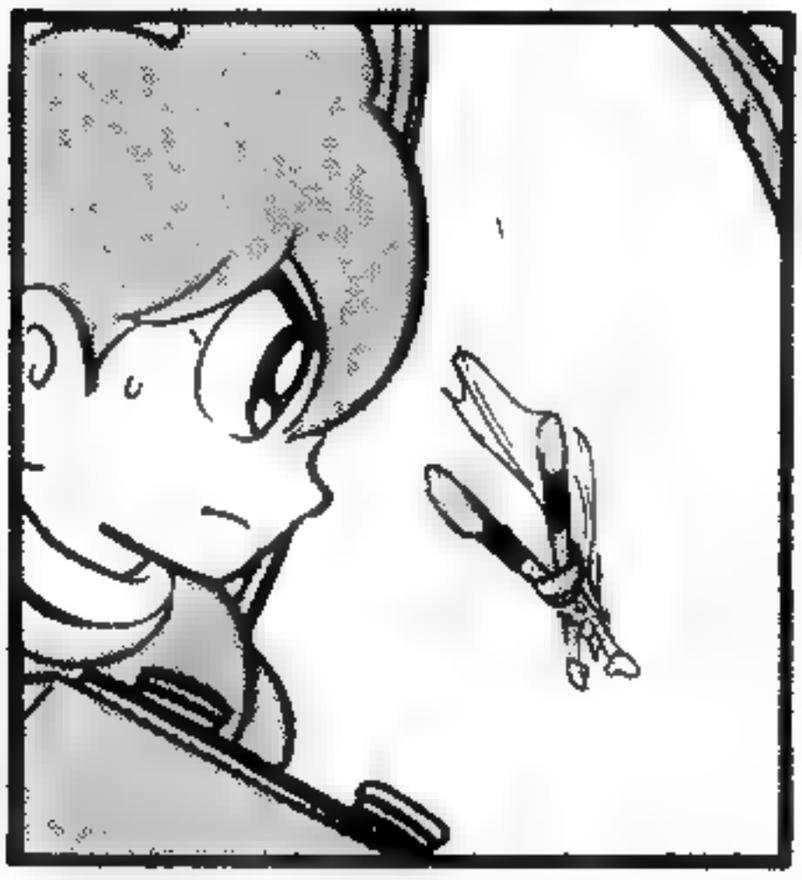

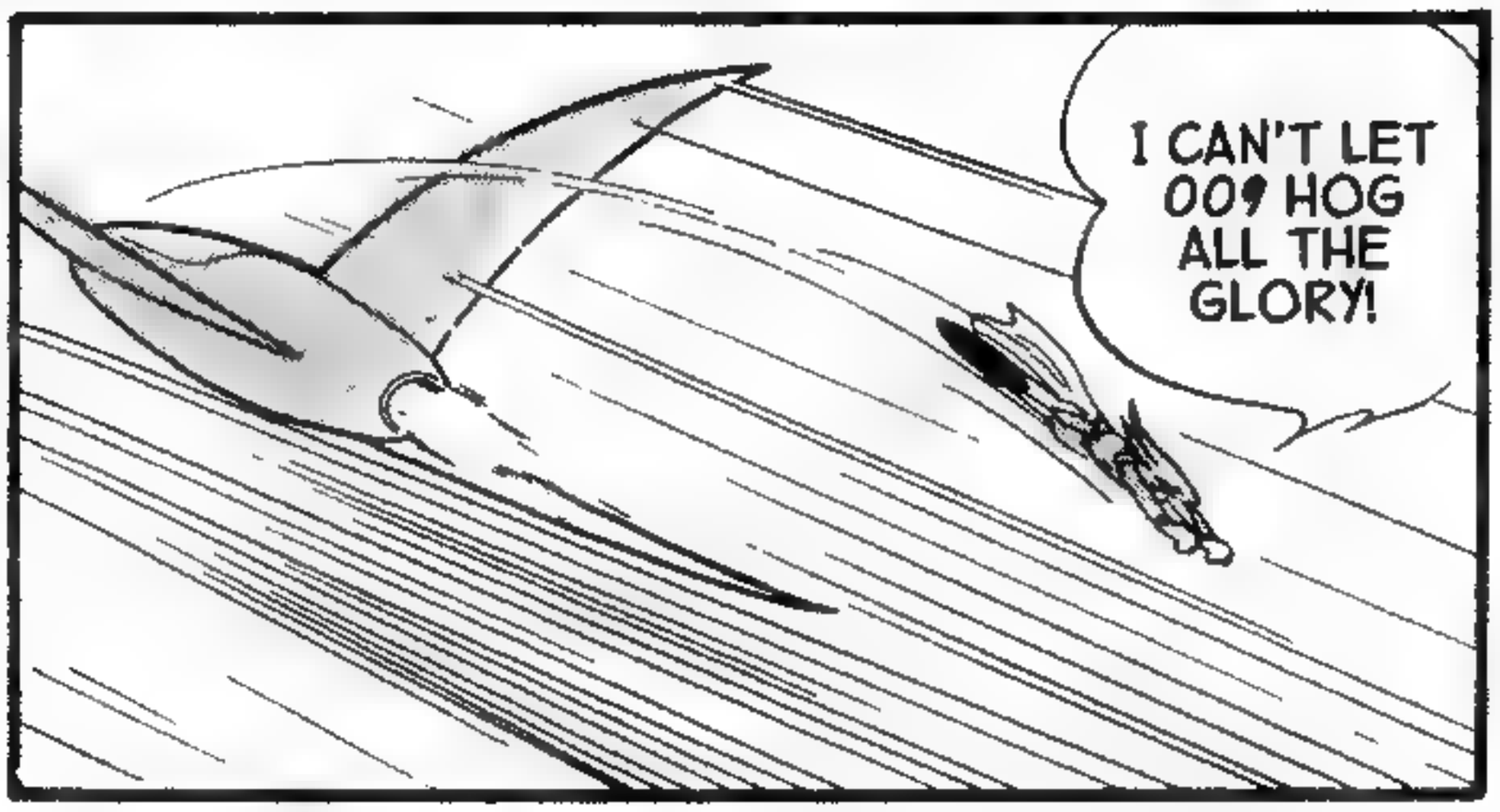
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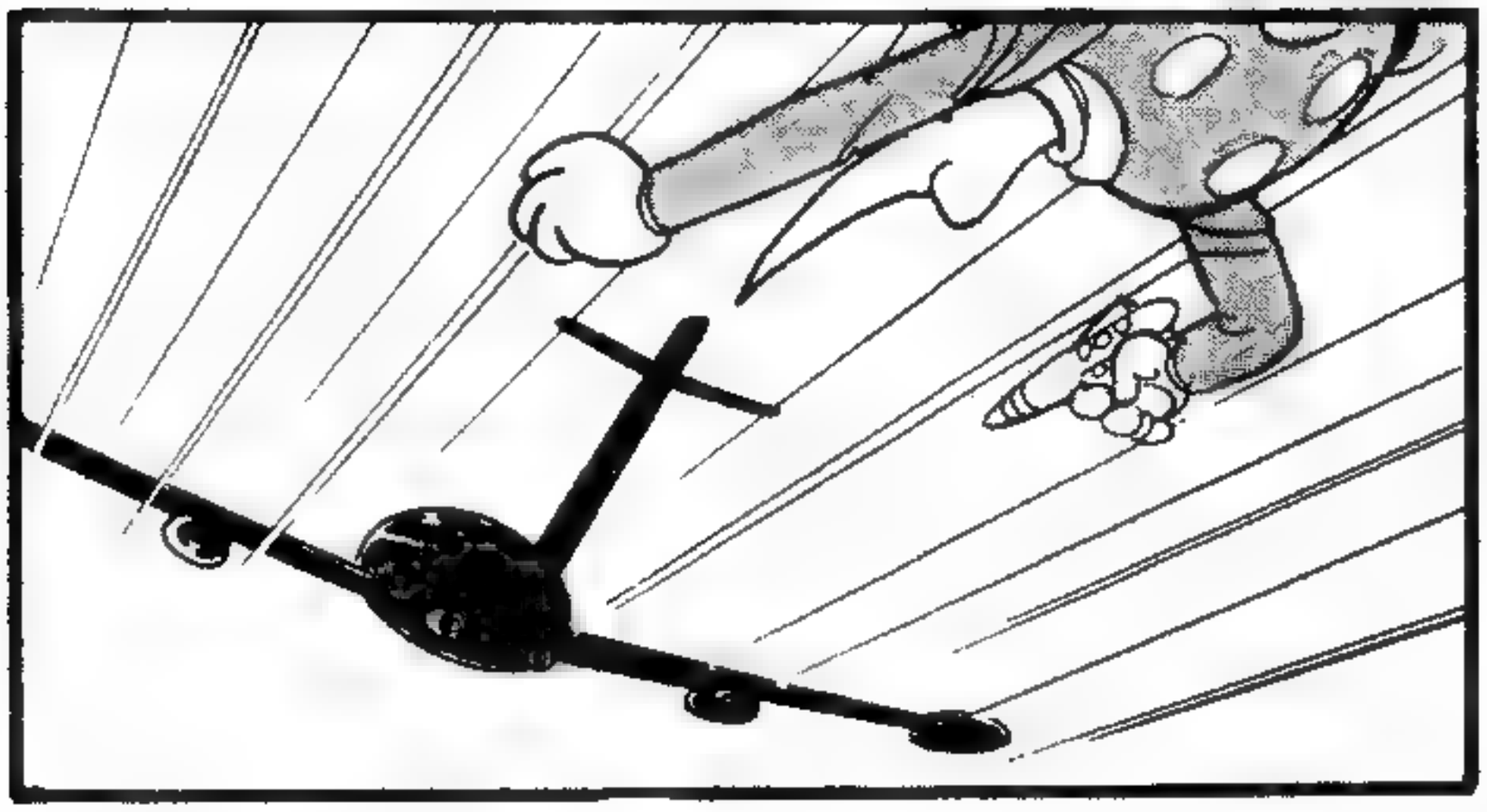

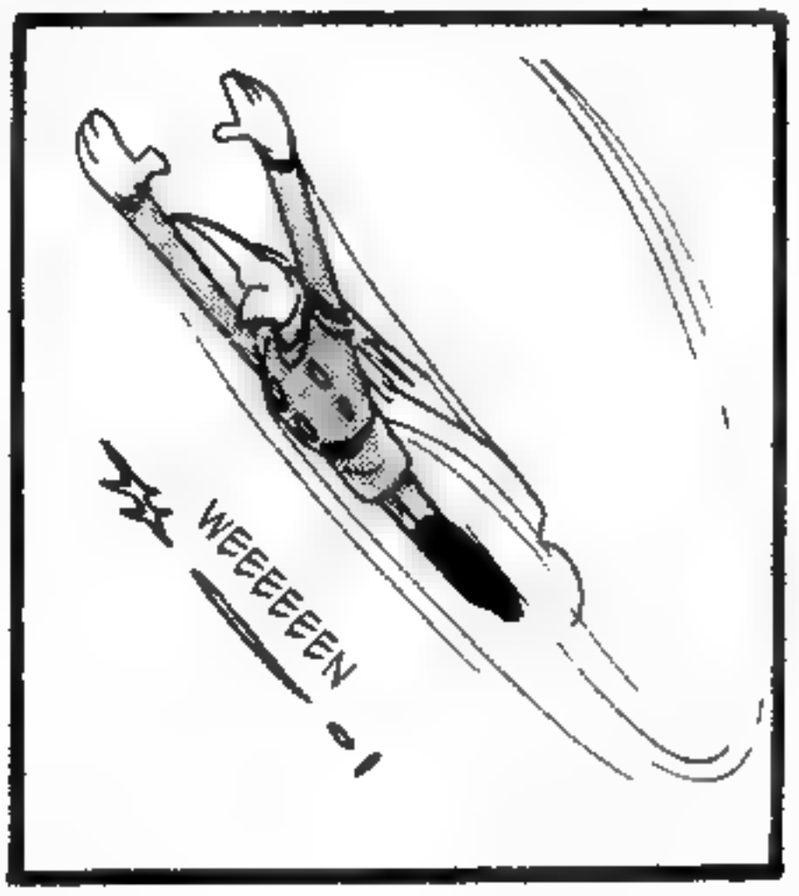
WEEEEEEN

WHOOOM

CHEW ON THIS!

BA BA BA BA BA

I'LL GO NEXT.

GOOD JOB!

ROARRRR

NOW ME.

CRUSH

WEEEEEEN

WHOOOOSH

HURRAY!
WE DID IT!

JUST
IN
TIME!

FLASH

DESTRUCTION CAN BE SO MAGNIFICENT WHEN IT'S THE ENEMY BLOWING UP.

THAT EXPLOSION TOOK CARE OF THE CYBORG DEVELOPMENT FACILITY...

...BUT BLACK GHOST HAS MANY OTHER OUTPOSTS SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD!

...WE CAN NEVER REST. WE'RE HUMANITY'S ONLY HOPE.

UNTIL WE RID THE WORLD OF WAR OF BLACK GHOST...

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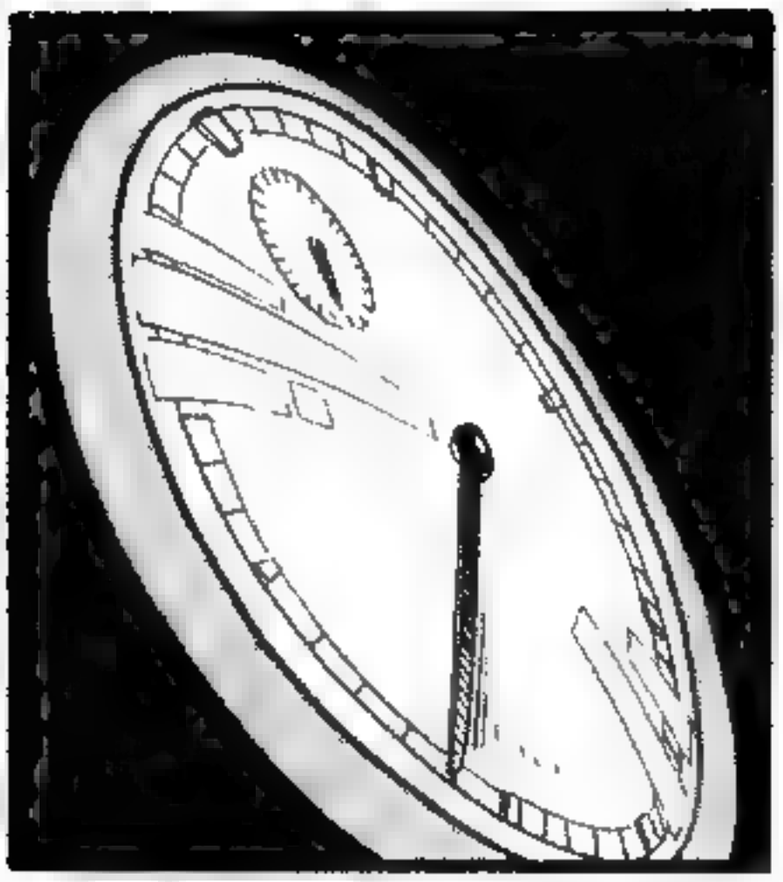

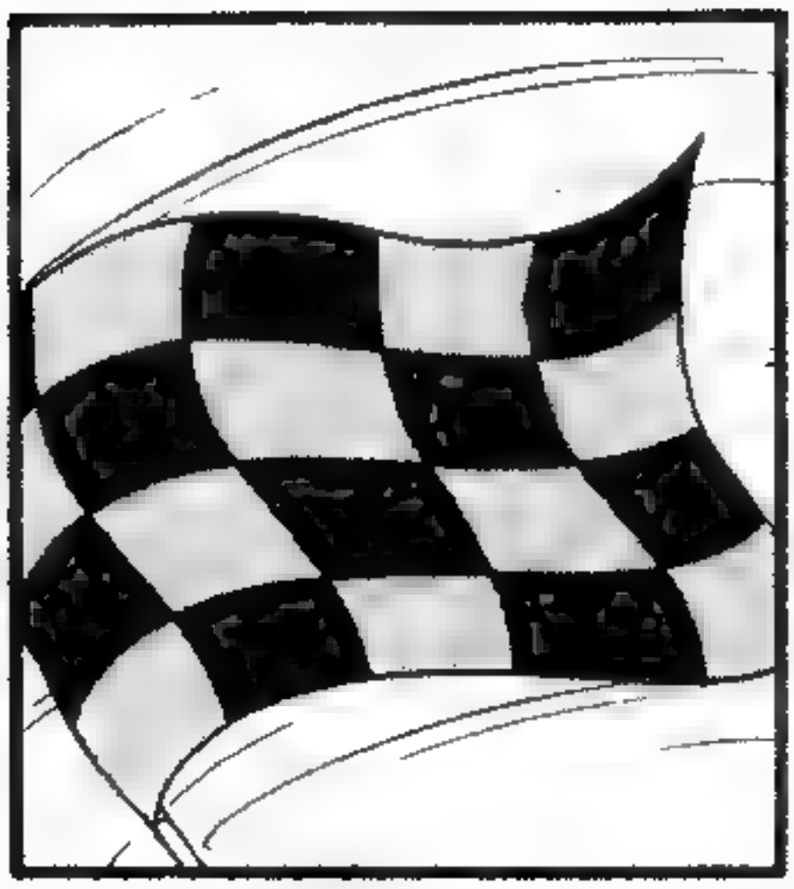

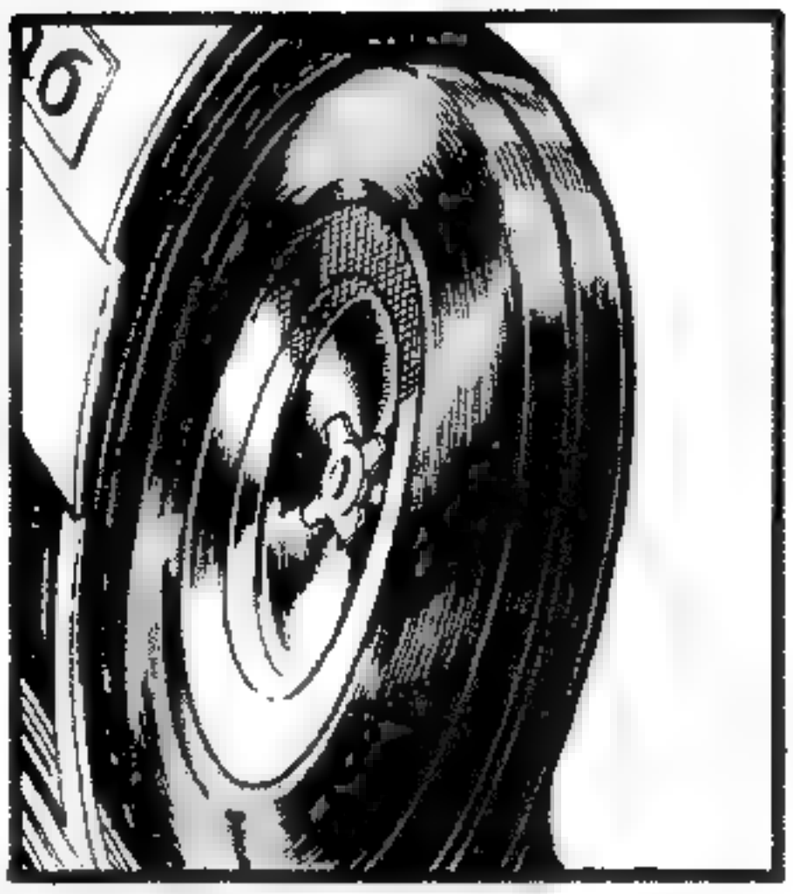

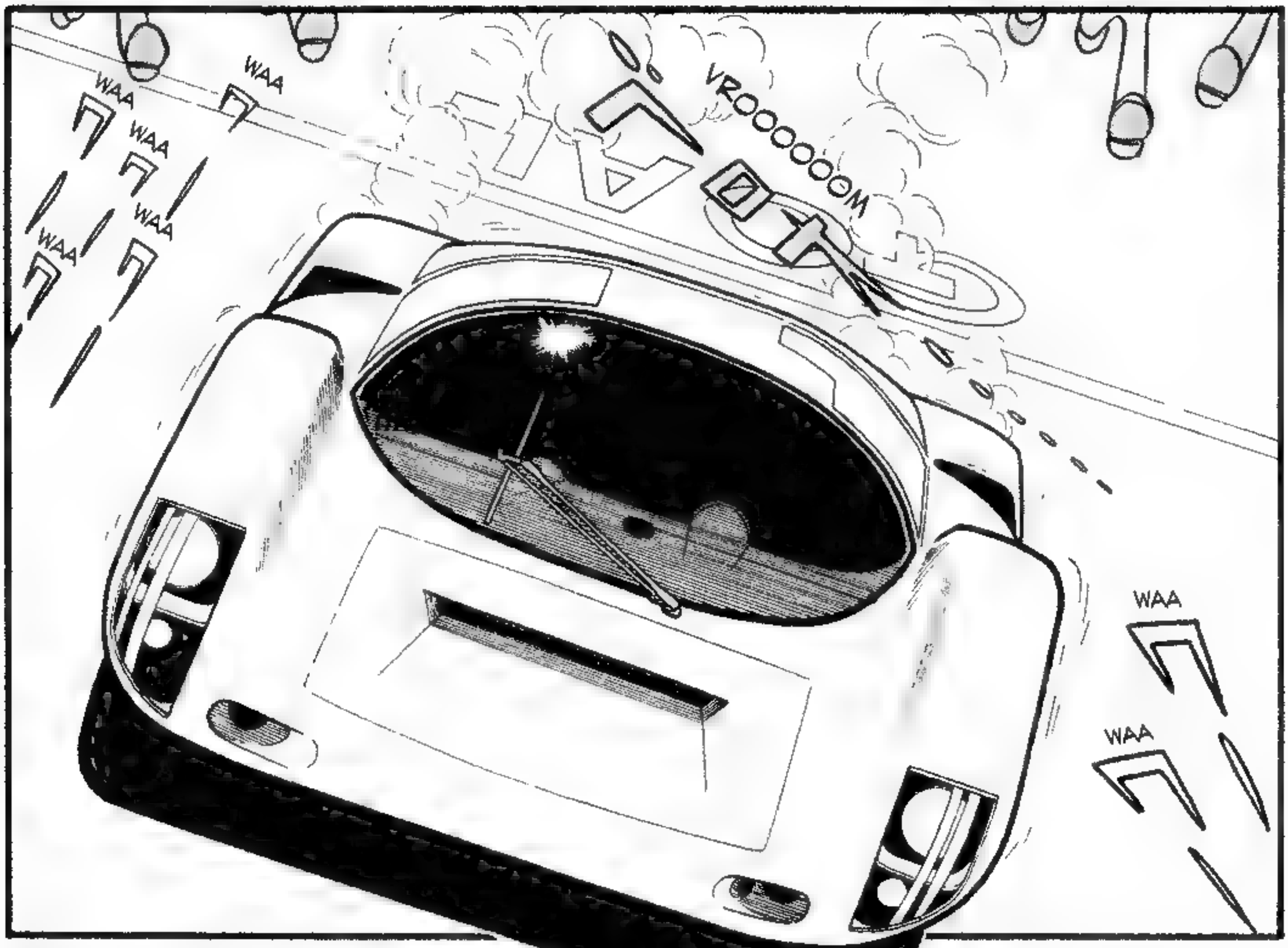
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VROOOOOOM
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WAA

SHOW US YOUR FACE!
HEY, MAN! TAKE OFF YOUR SHADES!

HOW MANY IS THIS?
YOU'VE WON AGAIN.
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
CONGRATU-LATIONS, HURRICANE JOE!
AMAZ-ING!
WAA
WAA

.....

CREAK

HOW MANY MORE RACES DO YOU HAVE IN YOU?

WOW! ANOTHER WIN! YOU GOTTA BE RICH BY NOW!

BAH! WHAT AN ASS!

LIFE MUST BE PRETTY TOUGH FOR HIM.

SLAM!

YOU IN-GRATE!

AT LEAST GRANT US AN INTERVIEW!

WHY WON'T HE GIVE US AN INTER-VIEW?

WORD ON THE STREET IS HE HATES THE MEDIA.

C'MON. MAYBE THE OTHER RACERS WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY.

LET HIM GO IN THERE AND SULK IF HE WANTS TO.

LET'S GO!

BUZZ

BUZZ

HURRY!

EASY, CHUM. WE DON'T WANNA SCARE HIM!

C'MON! WE'RE IN!!

GOOD THINKING, CHUCK.

WHEN IN DOUBT, GO FOR THE BACK DOOR.

I KNEW IT!

KA-CHA

ONE THING I'VE HEARD IS THAT HE'S SOME SORT OF HALF-BREED.

THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY HE'S SO DAMN SECRETIVE.

LET'S FOLLOW HIM AROUND A LITTLE AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT.

HE LIKES KEEPING A SENSE OF MYSTERY.

CHAPTER28 HURRICANE JOE

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SHH! DON'T SPEAK SO LOUD!

I AM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF KINICHI... MMM.

EXACTLY!

PARKING RATES ONE HOUR TWO HOUR 30 MINUTE

Banner: Car Lot Number 2

?

KURIHAMA JUVENILE HALL? C'MON, MAN! THINK!

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

YEAH.

JOE SHIMA-MURA?

HEY! YOU'RE JOE, RIGHT?

HA HA HA! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, JOE!

YOU REMEMBER!

...MARY!

AND THIS IS...

YAMADA!

IBAR-AGI?

I MEAN BESIDES ALL THE FAME AND FORTUNE.

HOW THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?

WHAT HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN UP TO?

THIS HOTSHOT RACECAR DRIVER USED TO BE A JUVENILE DELINQUENT!

CHECK THAT OUT! WE'RE LEARNING DIRT ALREADY.

HEY, JOE...

...CAN WE GO TO YOUR PLACE?

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

COME ON...

YOU GUYS WANNA HANG OUT IN THIS PARKING LOT ALL NIGHT?

IT'S BEEN, WHAT, FOUR YEARS SINCE I LAST SAW YOU?

WE HAVE ONE TOO.

THAT'S COOL, BRO.

LET'S TAKE MY CAR.

ALL RIGHT... YOU TALKED ME INTO IT.

WELL ...

ERR ...

YEAH! I BET YOU'VE GOT AN INCREDIBLE PAD!

WE RUN A SMALL MOVING COMPANY NOW.

ACTUALLY, IT'S THE COMPANY TRUCK.

ENTER

WELL, IT'S NOT MUCH OF A CAR...

CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'VE ALL GONE STRAIGHT?

...AND WE CAN'T EVEN FOLLOW HIM!

THEY'RE GOING TO HIS HOUSE...

DAMMIT! THIS TRAFFIC IS TERRIBLE!

TAXI

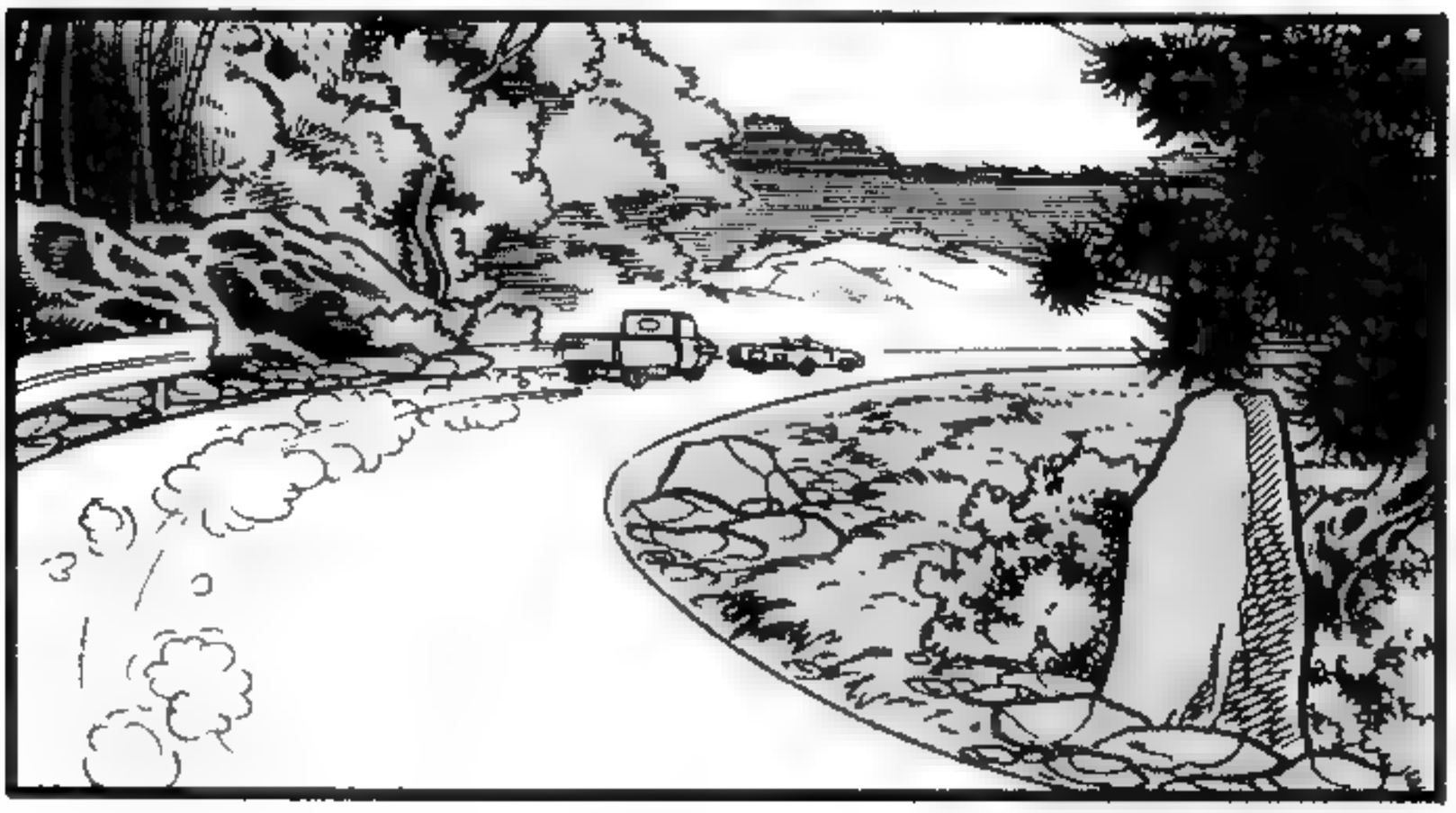
OKAY.

FOLLOW THAT VAN! I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT.

Top sign Yokohama 13 kilos
Middle sign Speed Limit 50 km/h

Sign Chigasaki 5 km

Bottom sign Isle of Women 23 kilos



WE SAVED UP OUR MONEY...

...AND BOUGHT THAT TRUCK. WE CAN FINALLY BE OUR OWN BOSS!

I KNOW WE'RE NOT RICH AND FAMOUS...

...BUT WE GET ALONG.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YOU CAN SEE IT FROM HERE.

WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

ヒュゴゴゴゴ

WOW!

THIS IS YOUR PAD, JOE?

I KNEW YOU WERE DOING WELL, BUT I NEVER EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE INSIDE!

K-RK K-RK

AH HA HA HA.

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

NICE HOUSE... GREAT RIDE...YOU GOT IT ALL, BUDDY!

YOUR GARAGE ALONE IS NICER THAN OUR WHOLE HOUSE!

WHAT'S WITH THIS DOOR?

BEHOLD.

FOO

CHIK

CHECK THIS OUT.

I KNOW THE COMBINATION SO I DON'T NEED TO CARRY A KEY.

IT'S LIKE A SAFE DOOR.

THE FURNITURE JUST CAME RIGHT OUT OF THE FLOOR!

WHOA!

...CONVERTS INTO A REC. ROOM.

WITH THE CLICK OF A SWITCH...

...MY HALL-WAY...

YEAH! IT'S BIGGER THAN A MOVIE SCREEN!

WILL YA TAKE A LOOK AT THAT TV?

CAN I HELP, JOE?

THAT'S NOT ALL. DINNER AND DRINKS WILL POP OUT OF THAT TABLE ANY SECOND NOW.

YEAH, IT'S PRETTY GREAT.

OH MY, WHAT A MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF THE OCEAN.

THIS IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE RIGHT NOW.

YEAH?

JOE...

.....

LOOK AT ME, GETTING ALL TEARY-EYED ABOUT THINGS THAT HAPPENED YEARS AGO...

SOMETIMES, I WONDER IF MY FATHER IS OUT THERE.

TO BE ABLE TO GAZE AT THE SEA... STANDING NEXT TO AN OLD FRIEND...

? MARY.

I WAS JUST SUCH A... ANGRY KID!

WOULD I HAVE BEEN SOME DELINQUENT?

I WONDER... IF HE WOULD HAVE KEPT ME, WOULD I HAVE ENDED UP IN KURIHAMA?

LOOK. I'M SORRY. I DON'T MEAN TO BRING DOWN THE PARTY.

YEAH, OKAY.

NOW, DRY YOUR EYES AND LET'S GO BACK TO THE BOYS!

THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST.

RIPPLE RIPPLE RIPPLE RIPPLE

WITNESSES SAY THAT THE AIRCRAFT COMBINED TO FORM...

...THAT THE ATTACK CAME FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM ONE OF THE NEARBY POLYNESIAN ISLANDS.

REPORTS SAY...

.. SO FAR UNSTOPPABLE, AND ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY IN THE AIR

. WHAT IS BEST DESCRIBED AS A GIANT BAT-LIKE ANIMAL ..

THE NEWS IS SO BORING.

WE ASKED AMERICAN C.A....

CRACKLE

THE ENTIRE VILLAGE WAS DE-STROYED ...

...LEAVING SURVIVORS TO WATCH AS THEIR ATTACKER FLEW AWAY UNHARMED.

YOU GUYS HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.

HEH HEH HEH.

HOW 'BOUT SOME TOONS, MAN!

SHH.

AHAHAHAHAHAHA

AH HA HA HA HA.

JUST LIKE YOU, MR. MILLIONAIRE.

YEAH, WE STILL LIKE OUR TOYS.

HOOO GROANZZ

ENOUGH ALREADY!!

GEEZ! YOU'RE GONNA GET US CAUGHT.

WE HAVE TO BE QUIET!

DON'T YOU GET IT?

MRPH.

AHAHAHAHA

HAHAHA

BZZZZZ

.....

BZZZZ

GASP

NOW!

...AND THAT'S HOW I GOT HERE TODAY.

HA HA HA.

BZZZZ

HEH HEH HEH.

BZZZ

OH, THIS FLY MUST BE ANNOYING.

HEY! YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?

DO IT!

DO IT!

POP

SNATCH

EEK!

WHAT?

WE'RE HERE TO KILL YOU.

JOE...

YOUR BODIES ARE...

SHUUU

WE MUST KILL YOU!

SHUUU

I THOUGHT SO TOO, JOE. BUT WE...MUST.

MARY! YOU TOO?! BUT I THOUGHT ...

EEEK!

SHATTER

BA

FOO

BA

BA

BA

BA

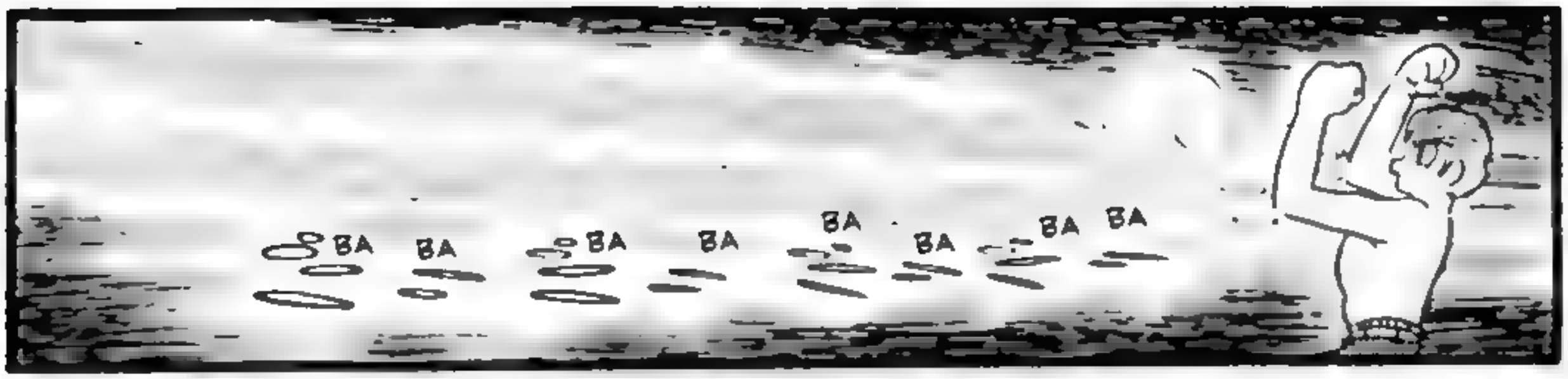
BA BA BA BA BA BA BA

SHUUU

SNAP

BRAK BRAK BRAK

CHFFF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IBA-RAGI.

WHERE IS HE?

JOE...

WHERE'D HE GO?

STOP, IBARAGI.

PLEASE STOP THIS.

BA BA BA

HUH?

YOU GUYS ARE SO QUIET!

BA

OYA-MADA

MARY.

IBA-RAGI.

WSSH

HIS VOICE IS COMING FROM ALL AROUND US!

WHERE... WHERE IS HE?!

I WAS YOUR FRIEND!

YOUR *FRIEND*, DAMMIT! YOUR *BEST* FRIEND!

DON'T YOU GUYS REMEMBER?

DAMN.

TRIED TO BREAK OUR SPIRITS!

WE LOOKED AT THE WORLD WITH WIDE EYES WHILE THE ADULTS KEPT US DOWN!

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REMEMBER THAT DAY...

REMEM-BER!

.....

.....

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HAVE YOU GUYS FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT?!

BACK WHEN WE HAD A COMMON BOND...

...WE SAID WE'D ALWAYS BE THERE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

YOU CANNOT ALLOW SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE THAT FRIENDSHIP AWAY FROM US!

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDSHIP SHOULD MEAN!

SEE? NO MATTER HOW FAMOUS I'VE BECOME, I TREASURED OUR FRIENDSHIP!

PERHAPS I'M NOT REALLY YOUR TARGET!

PLEASE REMEM-BER...

THAT'S RIGHT! IF WE'RE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS, WHY HAVEN'T WE HEARD FROM YOU?

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S CHANGED! WE HAD TO COME FIND YOU!

STOP IT, JOE! YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE!

STOP IT!

TOO LATE NOW! OUR CYBERNETIC BRAINS ARE PROGRAMMED TO KILL YOU!

YOU COULD HAVE TOLD US ABOUT CYBERNETIC TECHNOLOGY!!

YOU COULD HAVE TOLD US ABOUT BLACK GHOST!

HEH!

YEAH, JOE. YOU COULDA WARNED US...

BECAUSE WE CARED ENOUGH TO TRY TO FIND YOU!

NOW WE MUST KILL YOU!

KRSSSSHHH

BA BA BA BA BA BA

I HATE WHAT I'VE BECOME!!

TINKLE

CRASH

TINKLE

CRASH

CRASH

YOU COULD COME OUT AND END ALL OF THIS NOW WITH US...

WE MUST KILL YOU.

JOE...

UHHH.

WHO SENT YOU TO KILL ME?

TELL ME...

OR OTHERS WILL FOLLOW US. THEY'LL KEEP HUNTING YOU UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD.

OH, WE'LL TELL YOU, ALL RIGHT! YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW?

DASH

TELL ME WHO!

.....

.....

SWISH

SLASH

FWIT

SNIK

?

DAMN YOU, MARY!

...BY AN EVIL ENIGMA!

YOU'RE ALL BEING MANIPU-LATED...

I THINK I KNOW WHO'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS!!

PLEASE! STOP!

BZZZT

BZZZT

BZZZT

BUT...

...FIGHTING ME!

...A REALLY BIG MISTAKE...

...YOU'RE MAKING...

BA OO!

KYAAA!

THUD OO!

NO!

MARY!

MARY!

WHAT'S WRONG? IS SHE ALL RIGHT?

MARY.

AAH.

BA BA BA

BA BA BA BA

IT'S YOUR FAULT!

OKAY.

HURRY, OYAMADA! PUT HER IN THE CAR!

IBARAGI!

SLAM!

PLEASE! JUST WAIT!

IBARAGI! OYAMADA!

WE GOTTA GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE!

FLASH

.....!

ZZZZ

GRAB

THAP

THIS IS JUST HOR-RIBLE!

HOR-RIBLE!

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

WHY...

.....

SHUUU

KA-CHING

DAMN.

CHAK

FWOOOSH

VRRRRRRRR

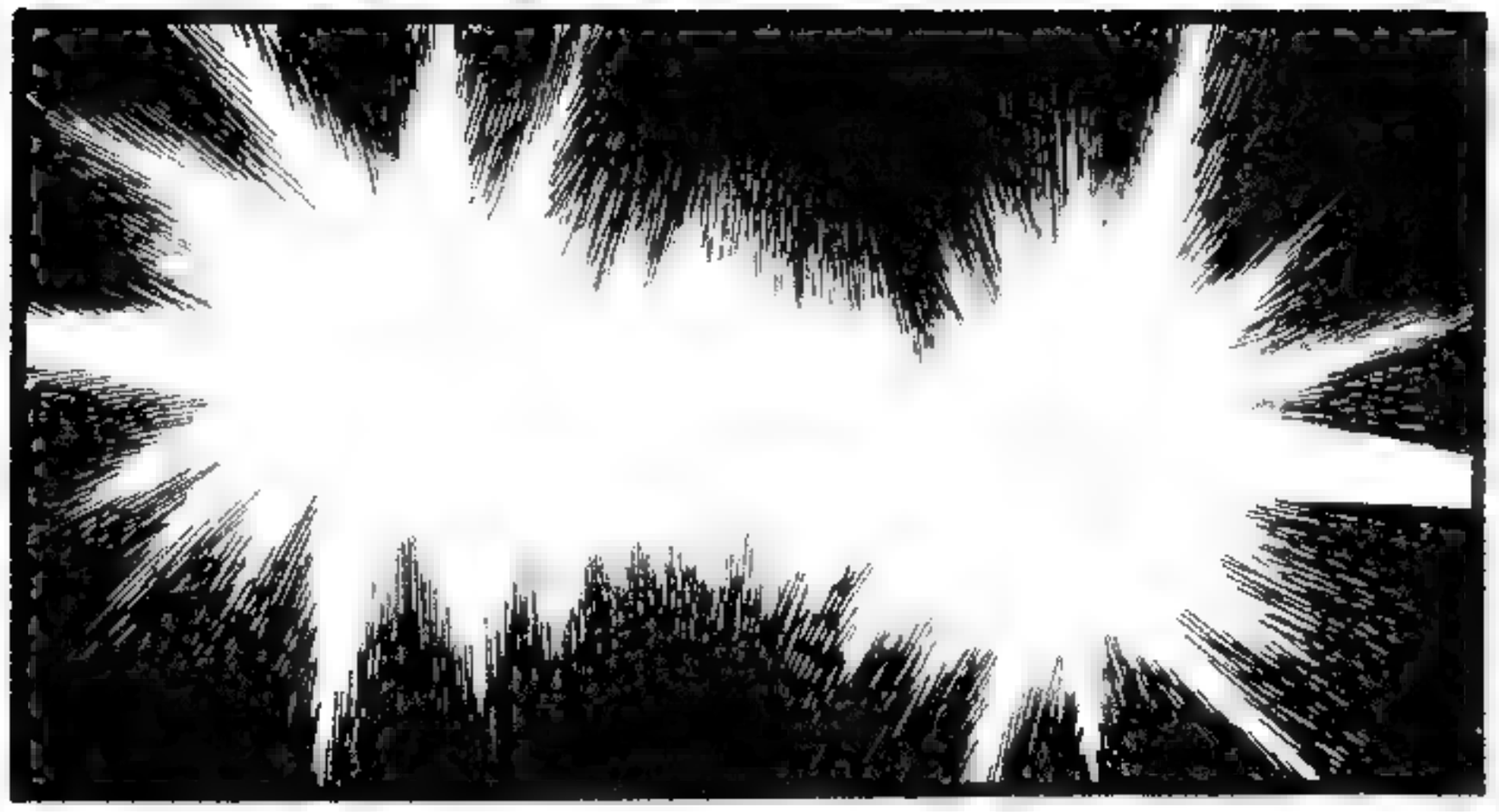
RATTLE

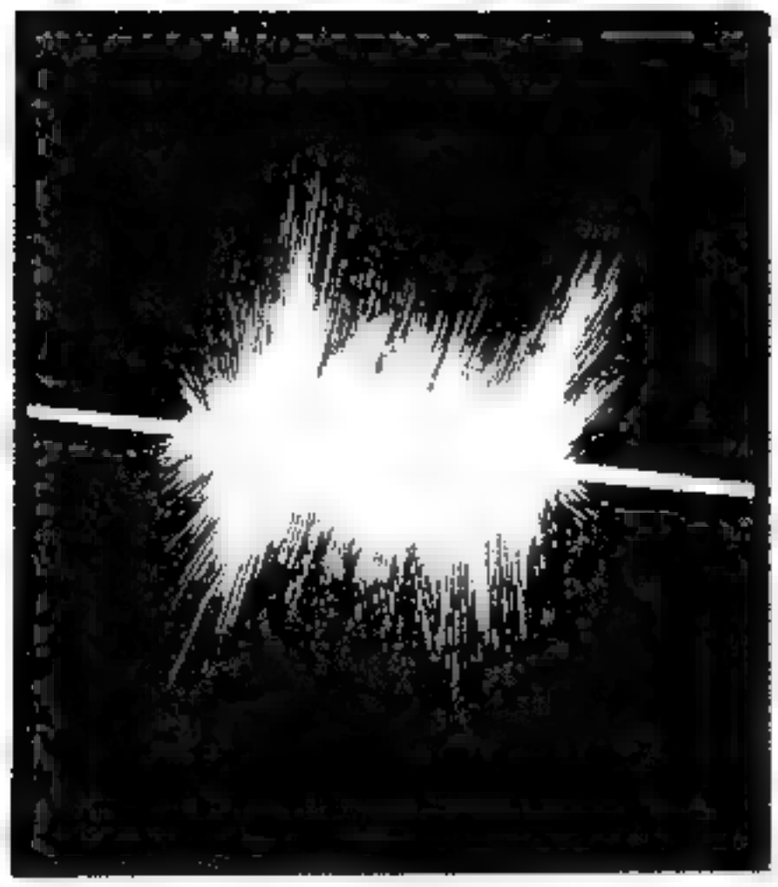
VROOOOOM

BEEP BEEP BEEP

BEEP BEEP BEEP

CHAK

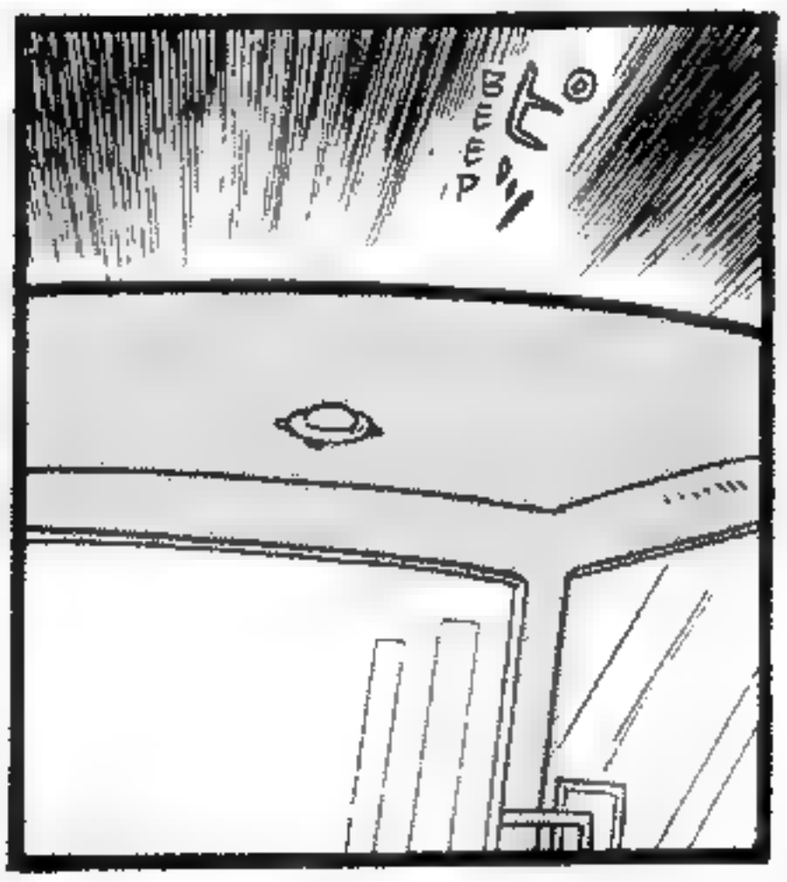




BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

SKREEEEE

WHAT NOW?
HEY!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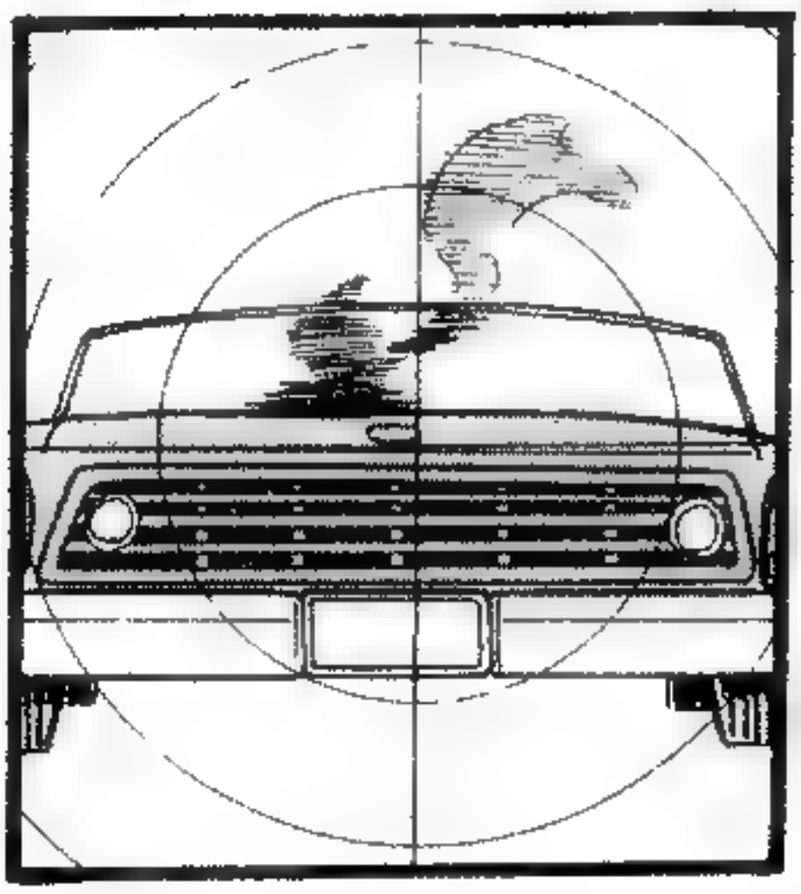
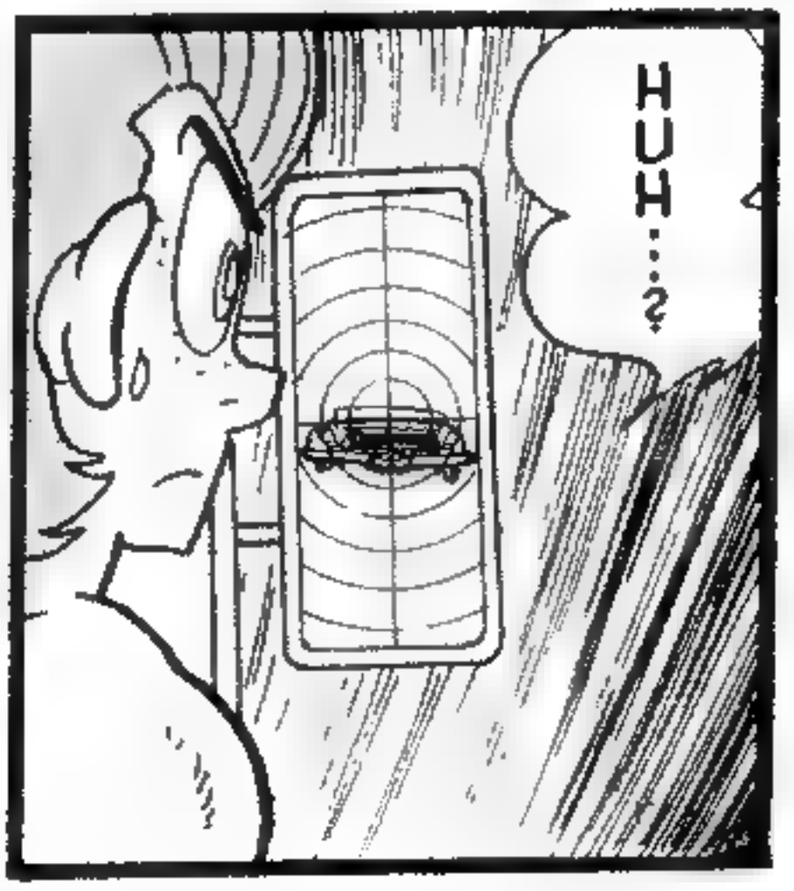
DAMN, IT'S JOE AGAIN.




HUH...?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? HE'S GAINING ON US.

CHAK

TICK

.....

PSSSSHH

WHOOOM

YIKES.

BOOOM

BOOOM

HMM.

UH-OH

P-SSSSSH...

THAT DIDN'T WORK!

HE'S STILL COMING!!

.....

MARY!

OOOH!

MAR...

BADOOM

HOOOOOH

OOOOOOHHH

OOOOOH

OOOOOOH

OOOOOH

OOOOOOOOOOOOHHH

?

OOOOOOOOOOOOHHH

OOOOOOOOOOOHHH

OOOOOOOOOOOOHHH

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOHHH

SKRUDDD

HUH?

GRRR.

SKREEE

WHJMP

WHAK

BASH

OOOOOH

OOOOOOOH

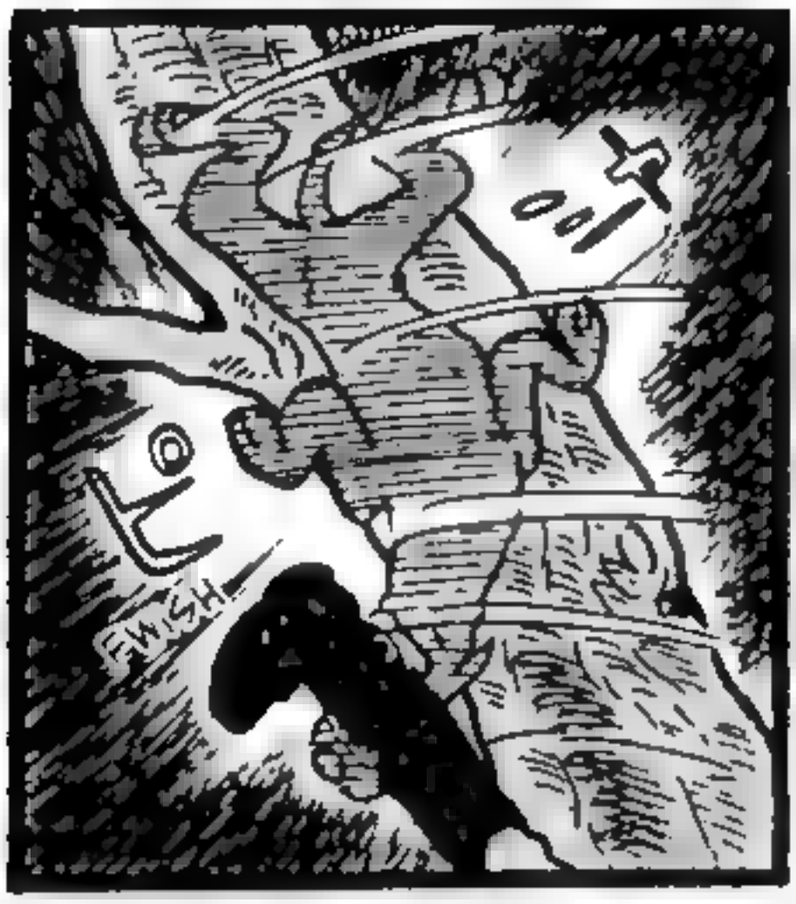
OOOH

SHE CAN CONTROL ANIMALS WITH HER VOICE!

MARY'S EQUIPPED WITH A SPECIAL SOUND WAVE SWITCH!

GOOD WORK, MARY.

OOOOOOOOOOOOH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WISH

WHEW!

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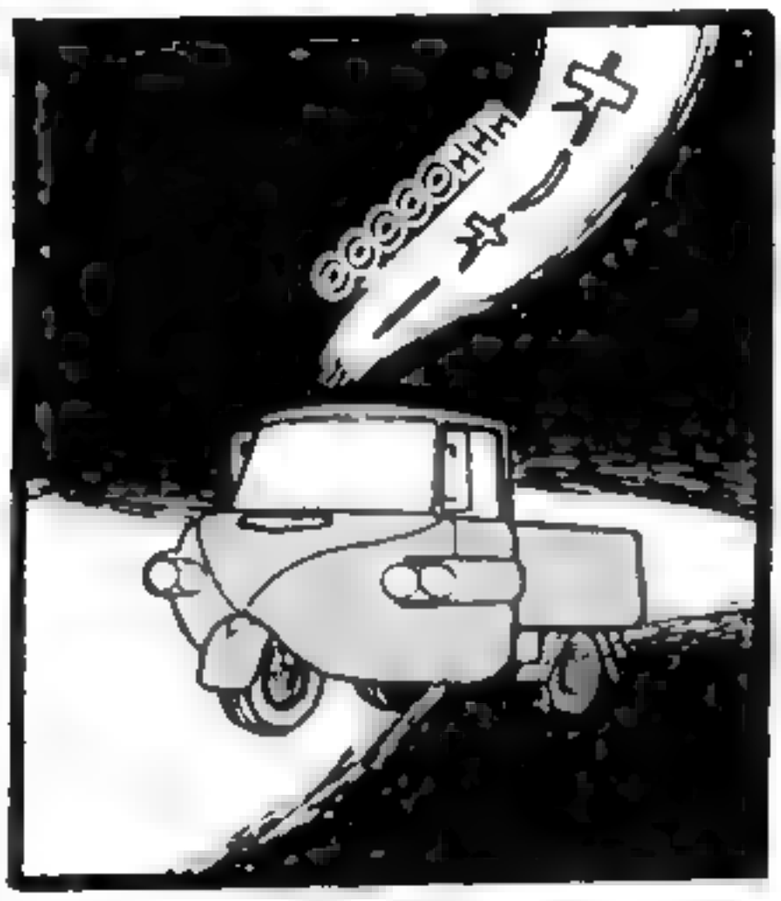
GROWL
GROWL

HOOH

I THINK WE GOT HIM.
HHOOH
MARY, YOU CAN STOP NOW.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HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER.

HOLD ON, MARY.

MARY.

SLUMP

WHAT?

ARF...

GRRRR... RUFF.

BEEP BEEP BEEP

.....

SEEMS LIKE IT'S OVER NOW.

THAT WAS NUTS!

WHOA!

VROOOOOM

TWEE
TWEE
TWEE

SO THEY'RE HOLED UP IN THIS OLD CABIN!

WHZZZ

BZZ
BZZ
BZZ

HMM, THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED ME YET.

OOH

OOH
OOH

DA

DA

DA

DA

DA

FWISH

READY...

MARY! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?

.....

WE ARE ALL VICTIMS OF BLACK GHOST!

BUT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO TAKE MY LIFE!

I HEARD WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT!

I DIDN'T COME TO FIGHT YOU.

IBARAGI, PLEASE STOP!

TRUST ME. THEY FOOLED ME, TOO. FOUR YEARS AGO, THEY TOOK ME AND REMADE ME!

THEY'RE THE ONES YOU SHOULD BLAME FOR MAKING YOU INTO A MONSTER!

AND, LUCKILY ENOUGH, EIGHT FRIENDS, EIGHT TRUE FRIENDS, RESCUED ME!

AND I REFUSED TO BE A PART OF THEIR EVIL PLANS! I FOUGHT THEM!

THEY WANTED TO MOLD ME INTO A FUTURISTIC WEAPON OF WAR. THE ULTIMATE SOLDIER.

CHFF

IBARAGI! OYAMADA! MARY! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!

WE FOUGHT BLACK GHOST. THAT'S WHY THEY WANT TO KILL US!

BAOOOOOOM

OH MY GOD!

IT REALLY WAS MY FAULT. YOU DIED BECAUSE OF ME.

I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY, GUYS.

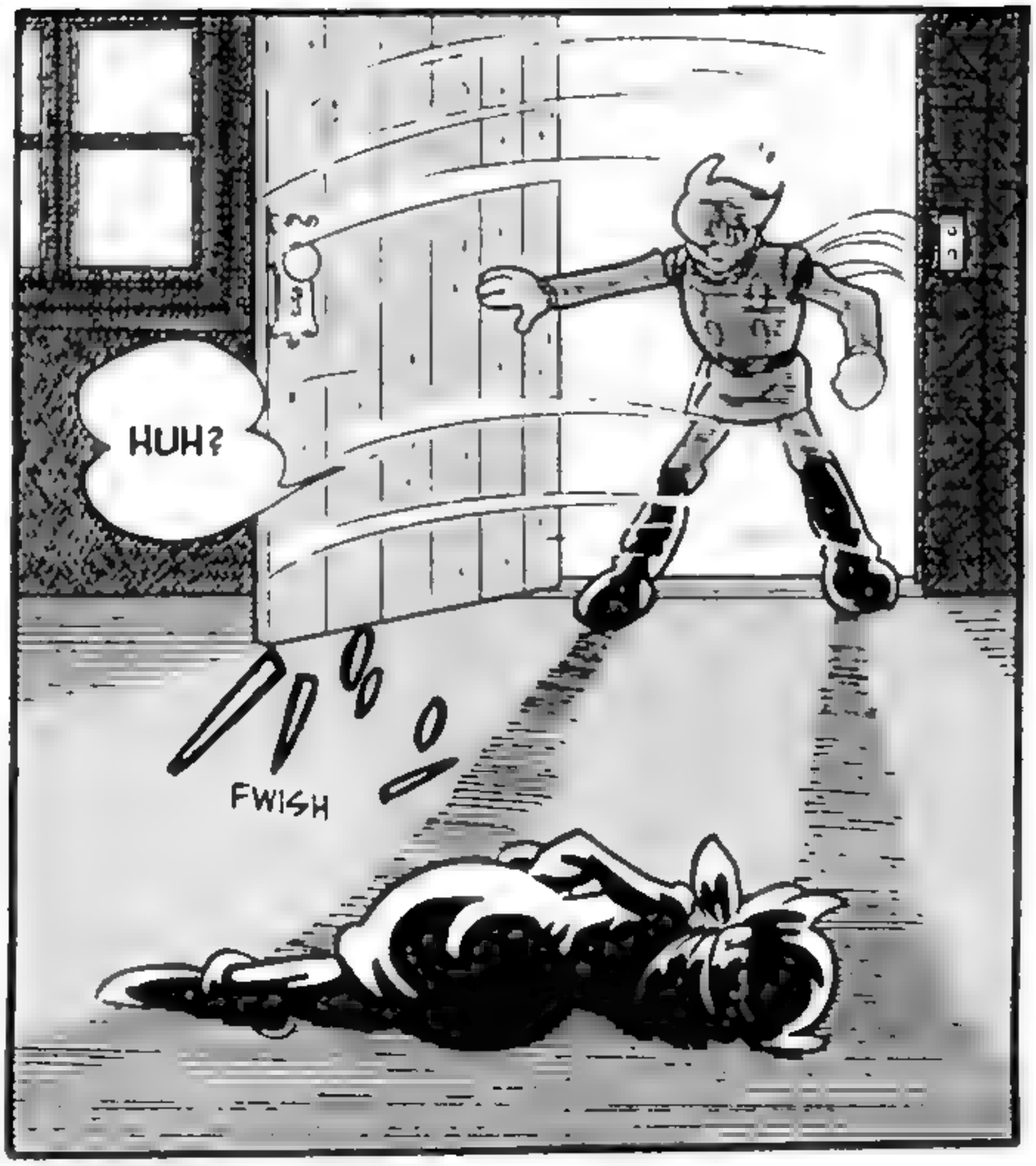
BLACK GHOST WAS DETERMINED TO GET ME ONE WAY OR THE OTHER...

MY FRIENDS WOULD EITHER FIGHT ME, OR EXPLODE IN MY COMPANY!

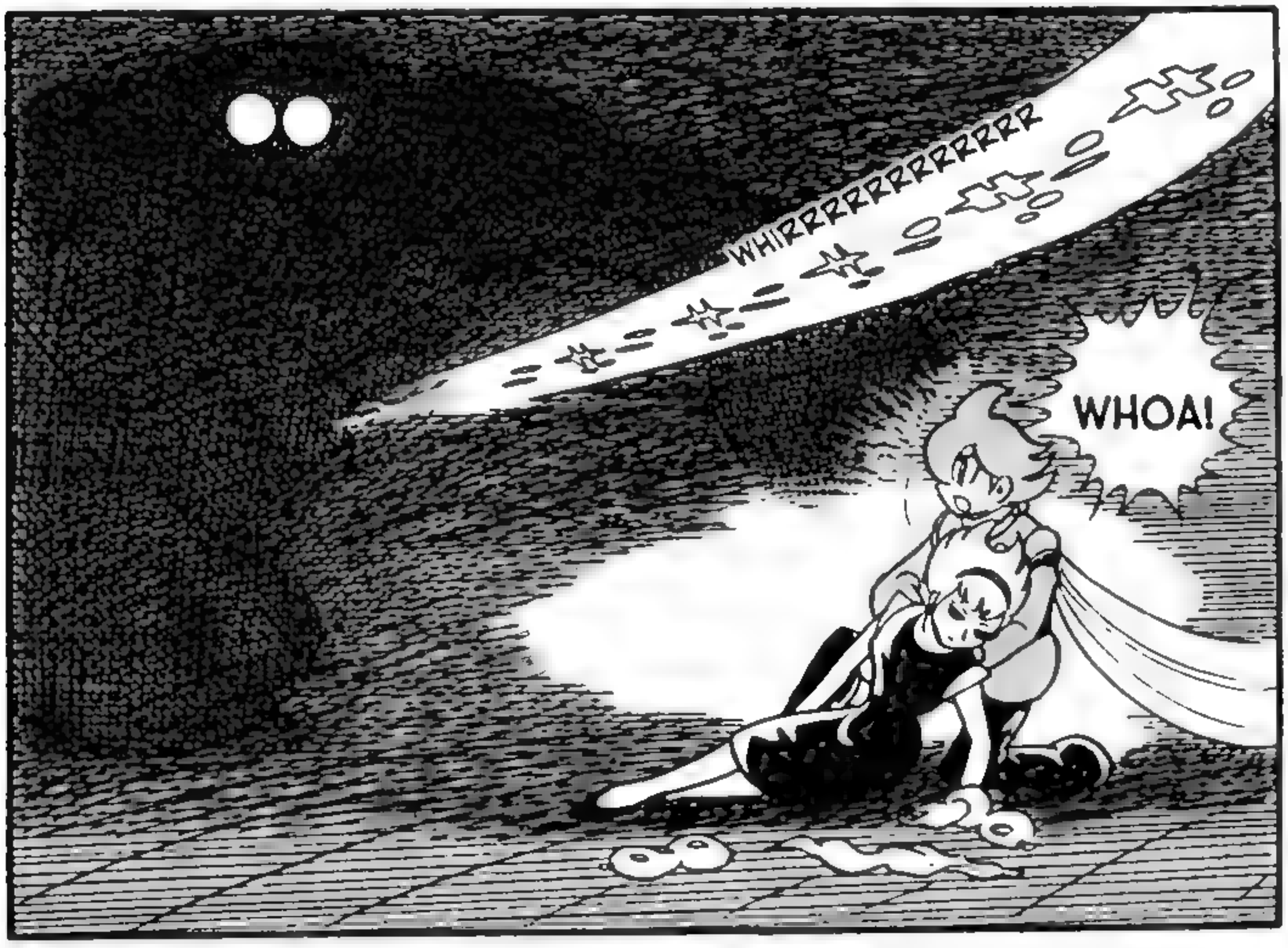
YOU WERE ALL WIRED TO EXPLODE IF YOUR THOUGHTS STRAYED FROM THE MISSION.

. . . . . .

CHIRP CHIRP CHIRP


HUH?
FWISH

HEY, I REMEMBER YOU!


WHIRRRRRRRRRRRRR
WHOA!

SAAA

SAAA

SAAA

WHIRRRRRRRRR

A ROBOT!

SLASH

WHOOM

CRASH

SMASH

KRAK

KRRR

GRUNCH
CRASH
SMASH
WHUNCH
CHUFF CHUFF
WHOOOM
WHOOOM

BOOOWF

FWISH

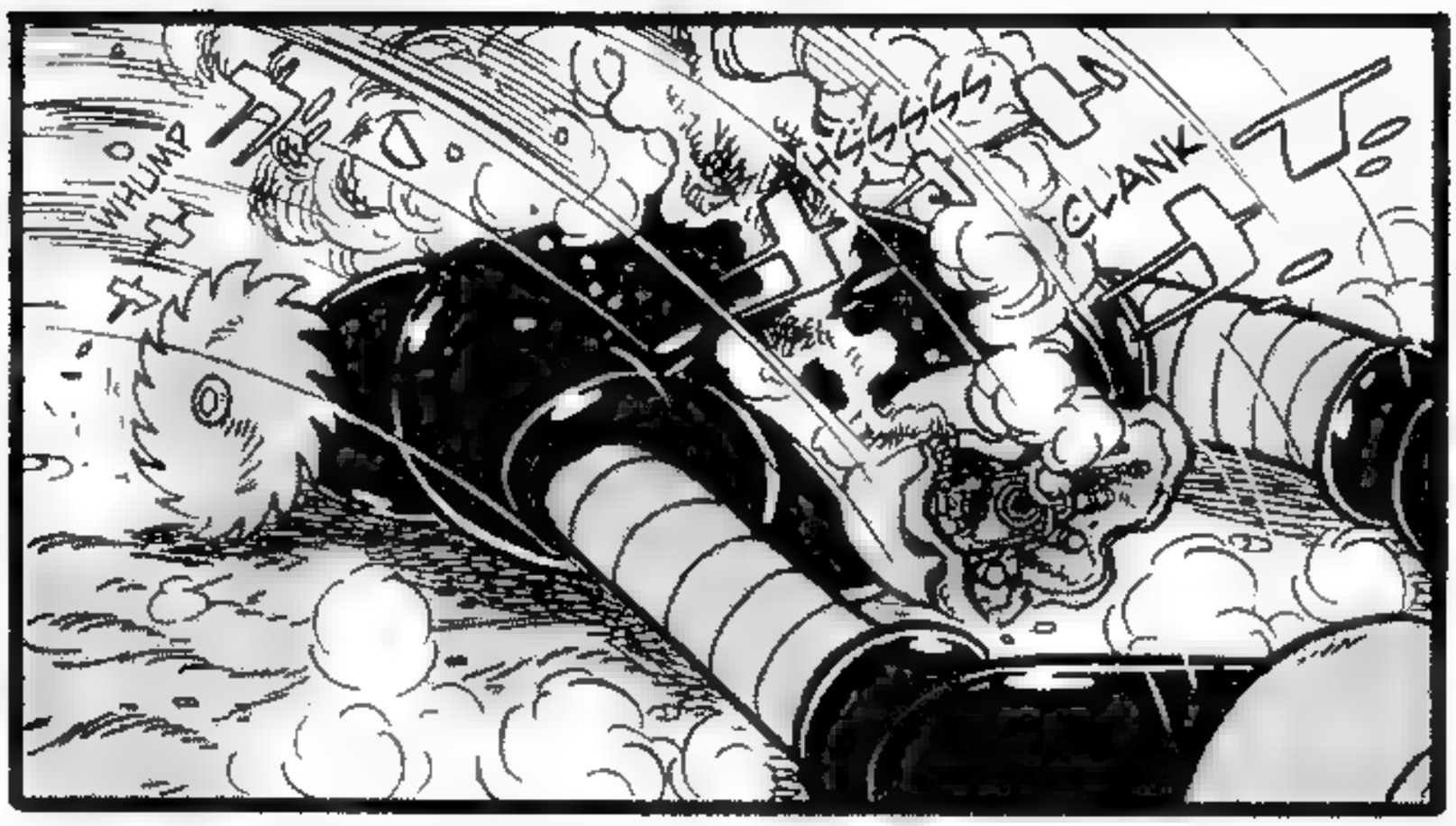
BAWHOOOM

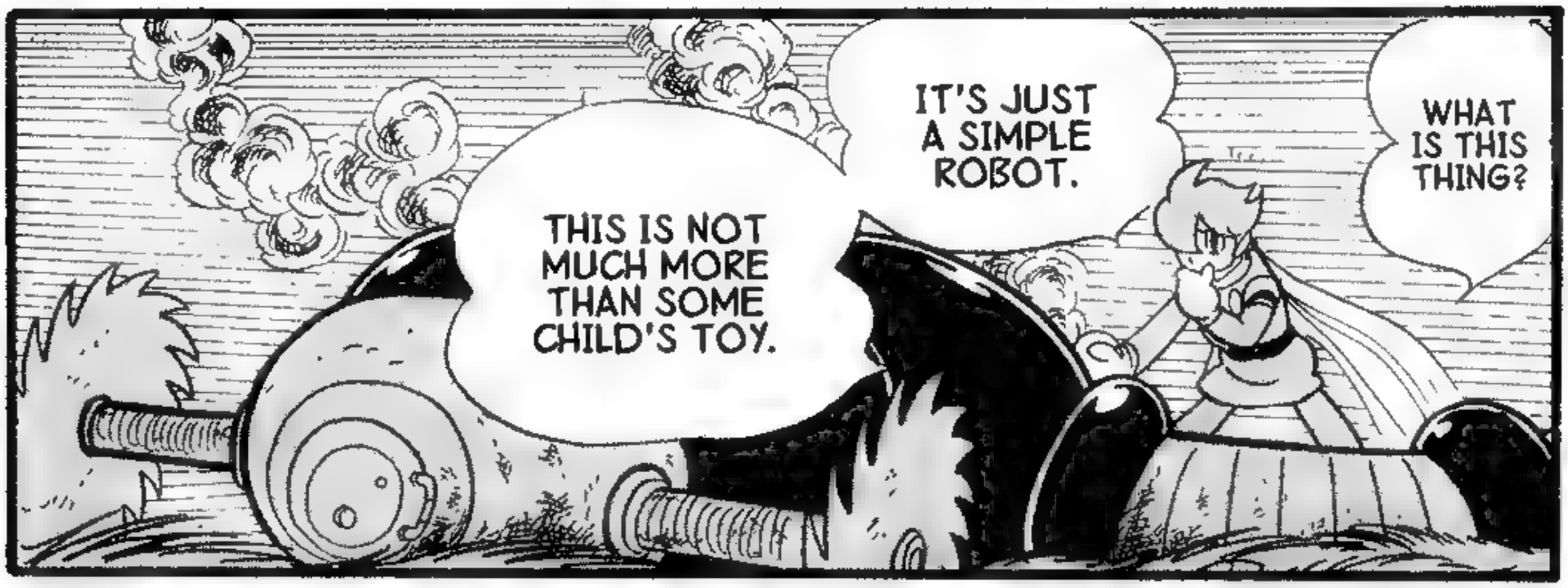
PSSH

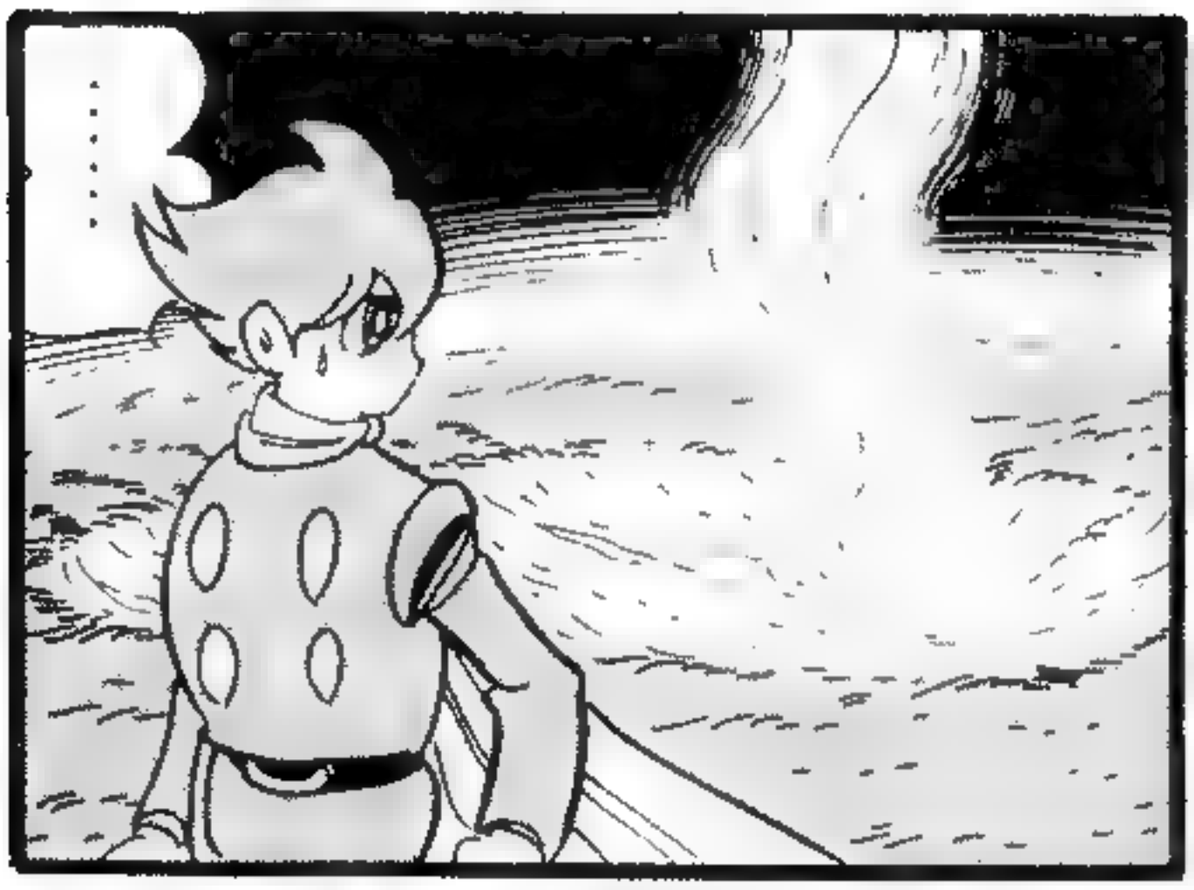
FSSSS

FSSSS

FSSSS


WHUMP
CLANK


THIS IS NOT MUCH MORE THAN SOME CHILD'S TOY.
IT'S JUST A SIMPLE ROBOT.
WHAT IS THIS THING?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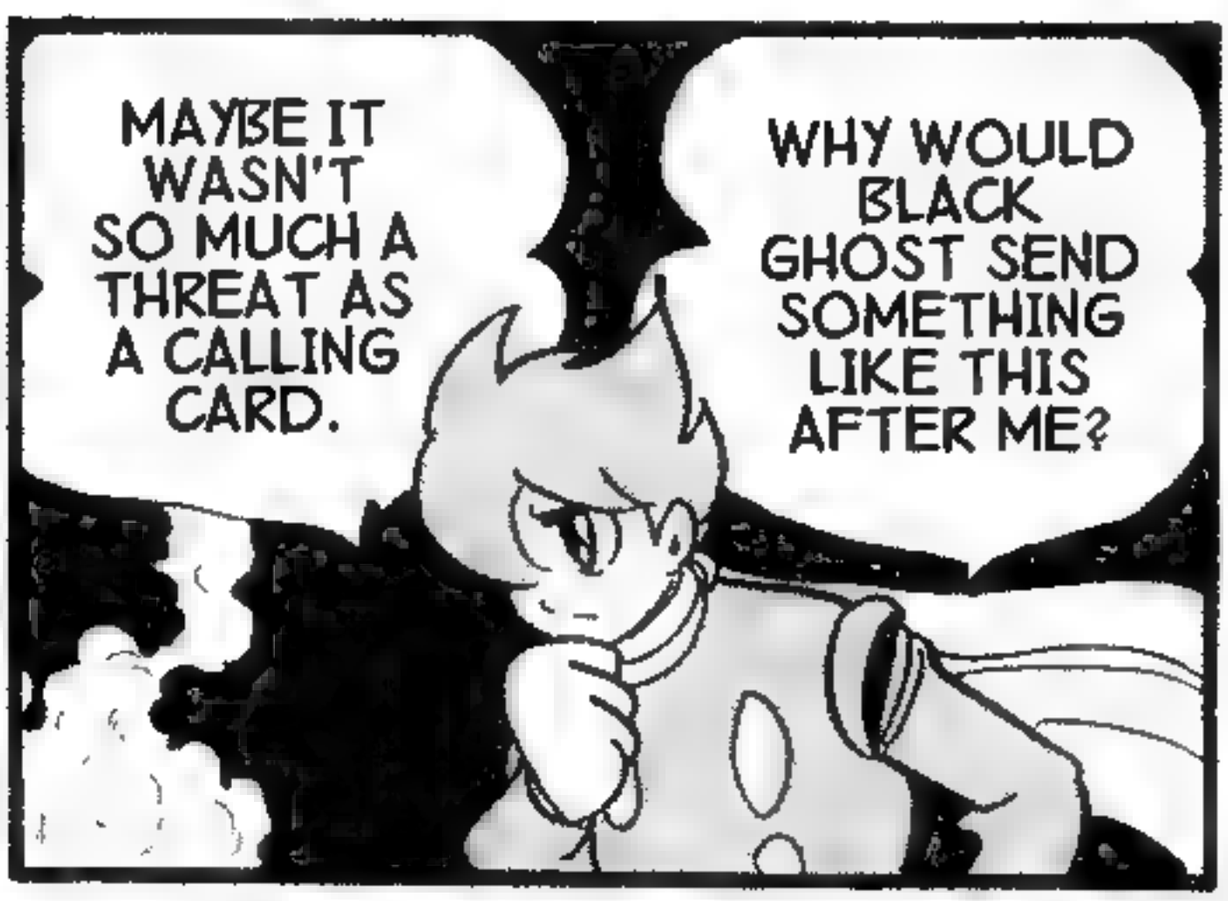
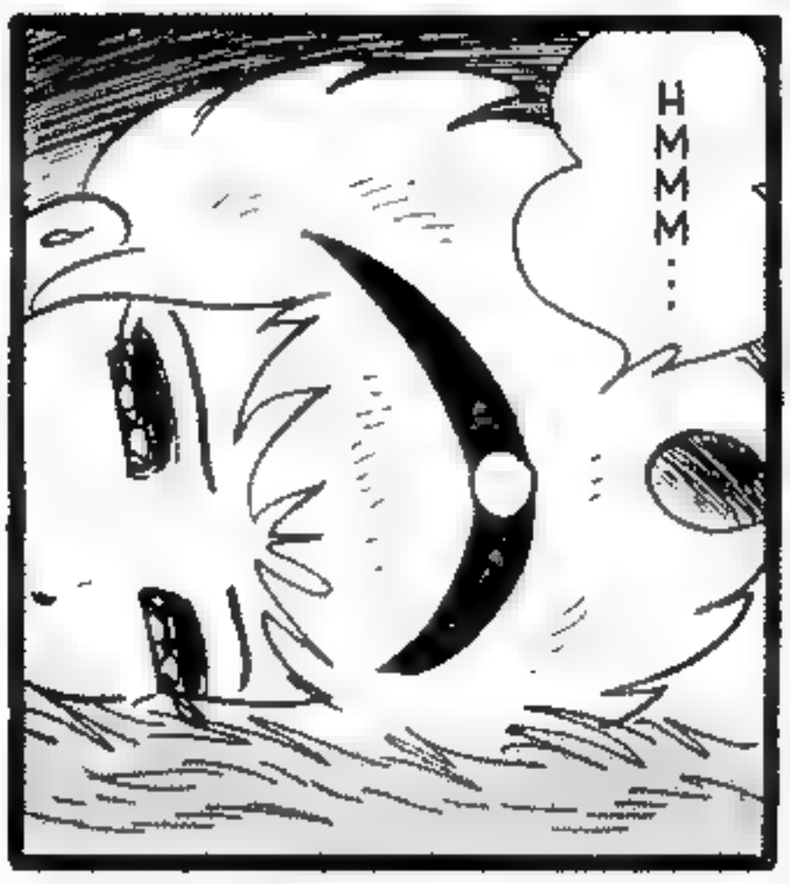

MAYBE IT WASN'T SO MUCH A THREAT AS A CALLING CARD.
WHY WOULD BLACK GHOST SEND SOMETHING LIKE THIS AFTER ME?

HUH.


HMMM...

AS FOR THIS GIRL...

I...I DON'T KNOW. THERE WERE TWO YOUNG MEN AND A WOMAN...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE?

.....

DON'T WORRY. I WON'T HURT YOU!

HE RESISTED BLACK GHOST.

MY FA-THER...

WHY?

YOU SAW THEM?

HUH?

I...I'M SORRY. MY NAME IS HELEN.

SOON AFTER, HE DISAPPEARED. I FLED TO JAPAN, BUT THEY CAUGHT UP WITH ME.

...AND BLACK GHOST APPROACHED HIM ABOUT SOME WORK...

HE WAS A VERY TALENTED SCIENTIST...

MY FATHER'S NAME IS WISHBONE.

DO YOU THINK BLACK GHOST CAPTURED HIM?

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

...WE ALL RECEIVED ONE HELL OF A BEATING...

ALTHOUGH WE ALL ESCAPED THE GRASP OF BLACK GHOST...

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINKING ABOUT DR. GILMORE AND THE OTHERS.

WHAT?

V-STOL

I THINK IT'S THE TIME TO REUNITE.

STOMP

ALL RIGHT, THEN.

THAT HELICOPTER IS FOLLOWING US.

VROOOOM

VRRRR

BUT... WHO ARE THEY?

THAT'S AN INCRED-IBLE AIRSHIP!

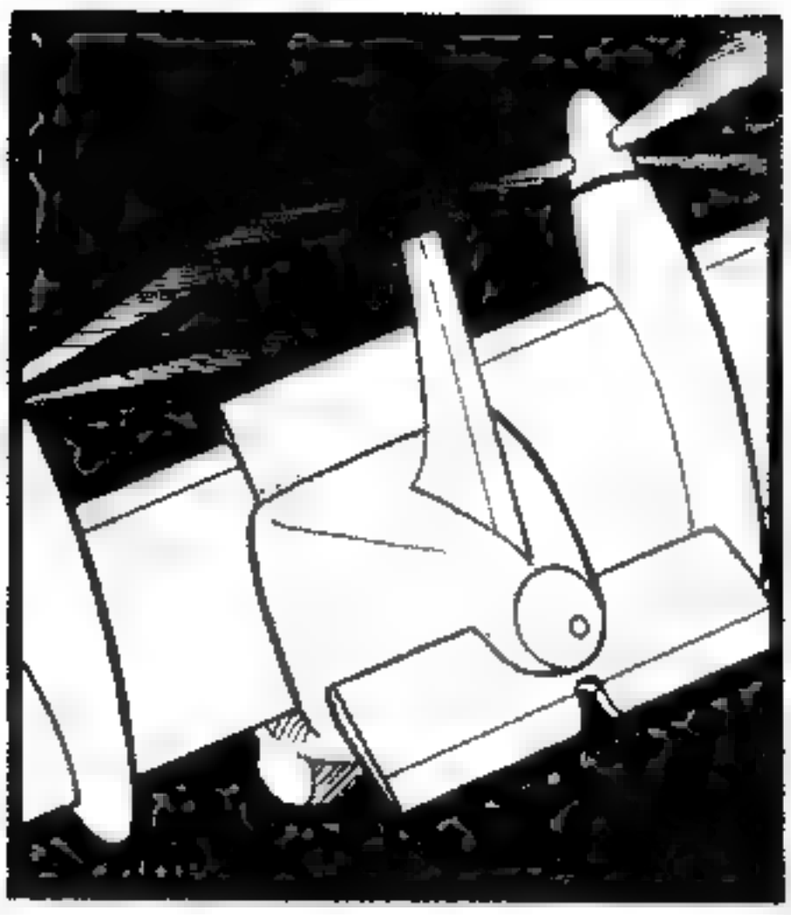
STILL BEHIND US.

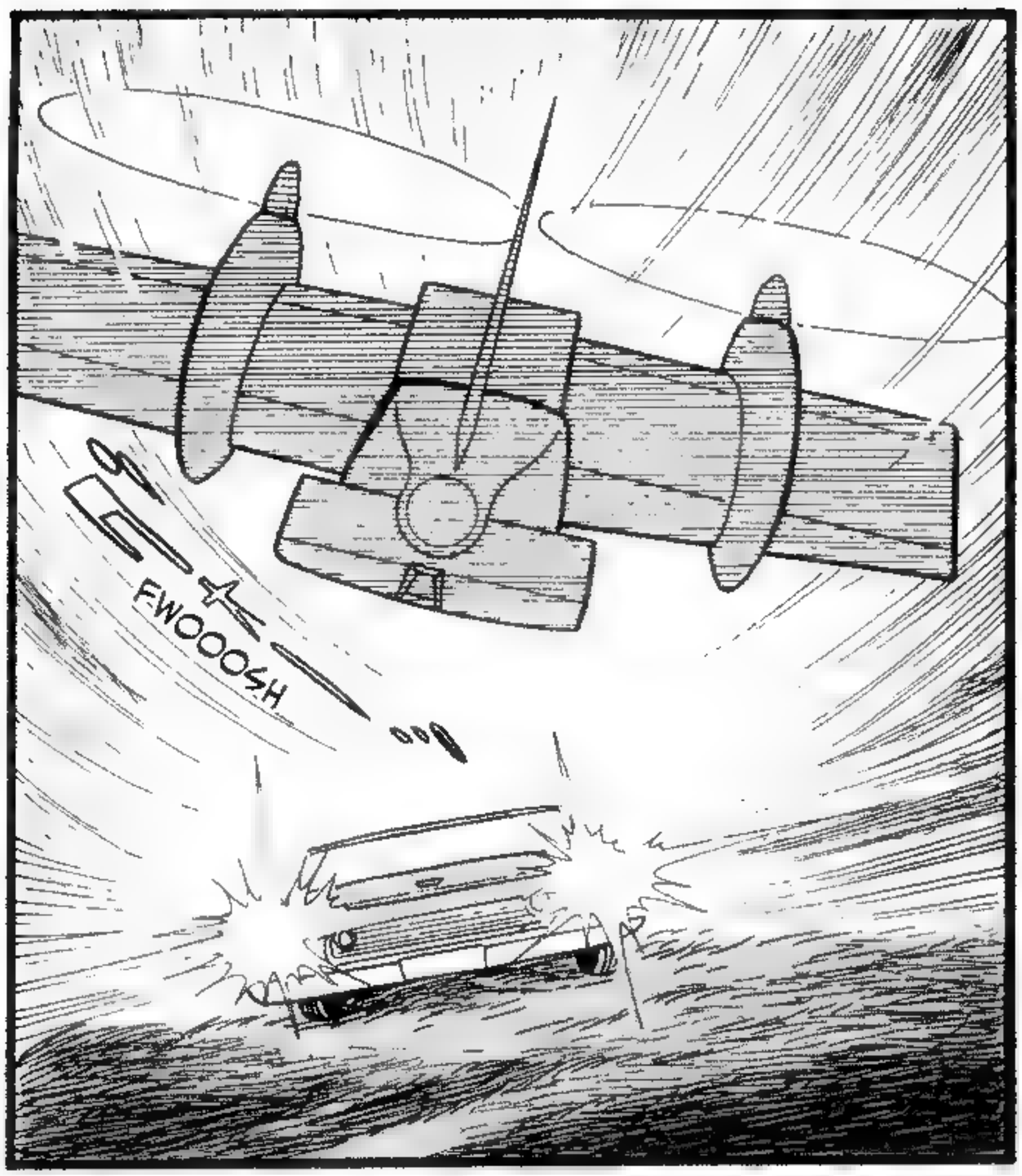
BRRRR

DAMN.

HOW'S YOUR DRIVING?!!

HELEN...!

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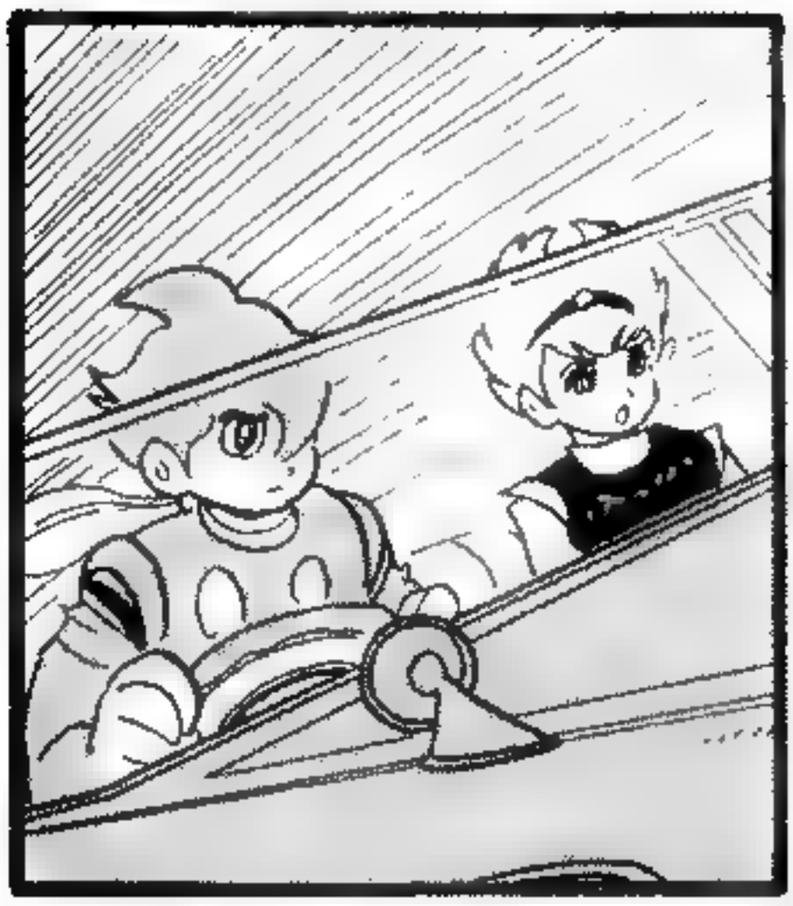

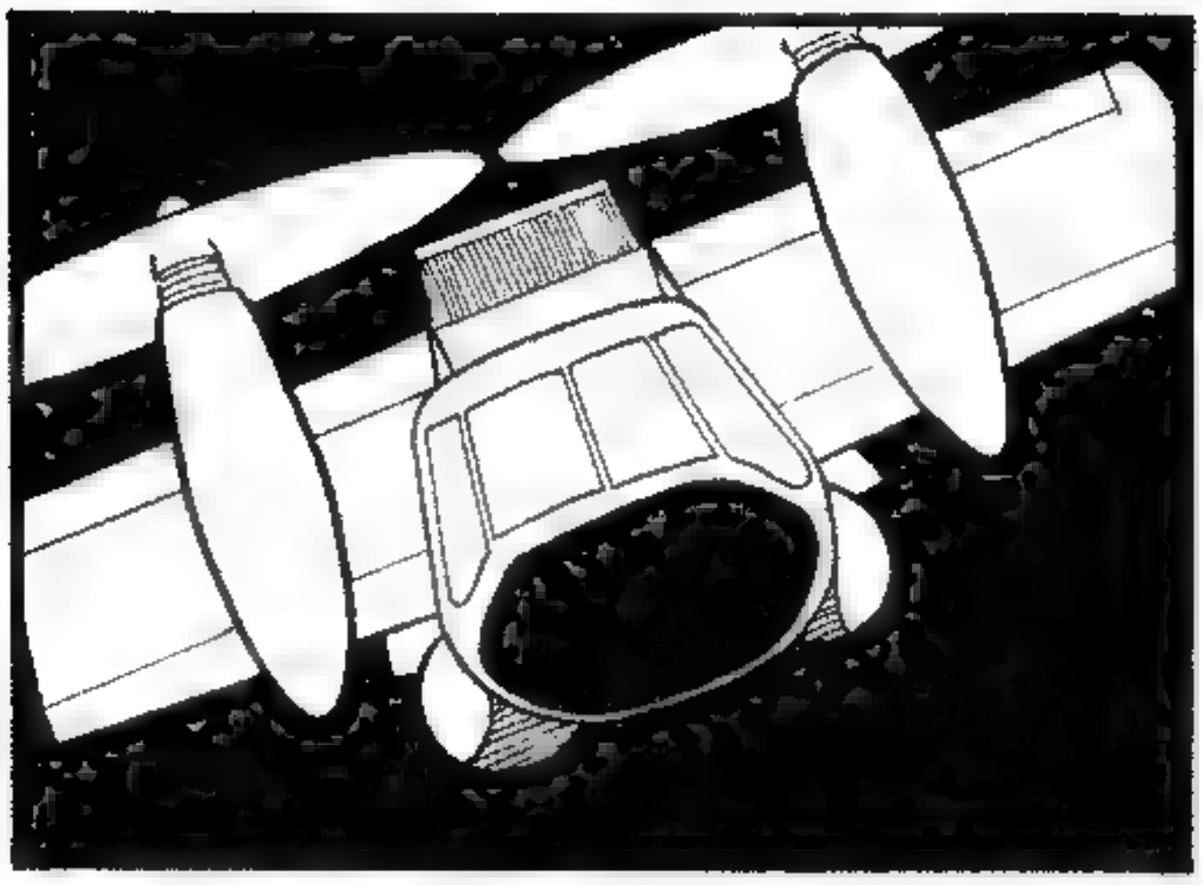

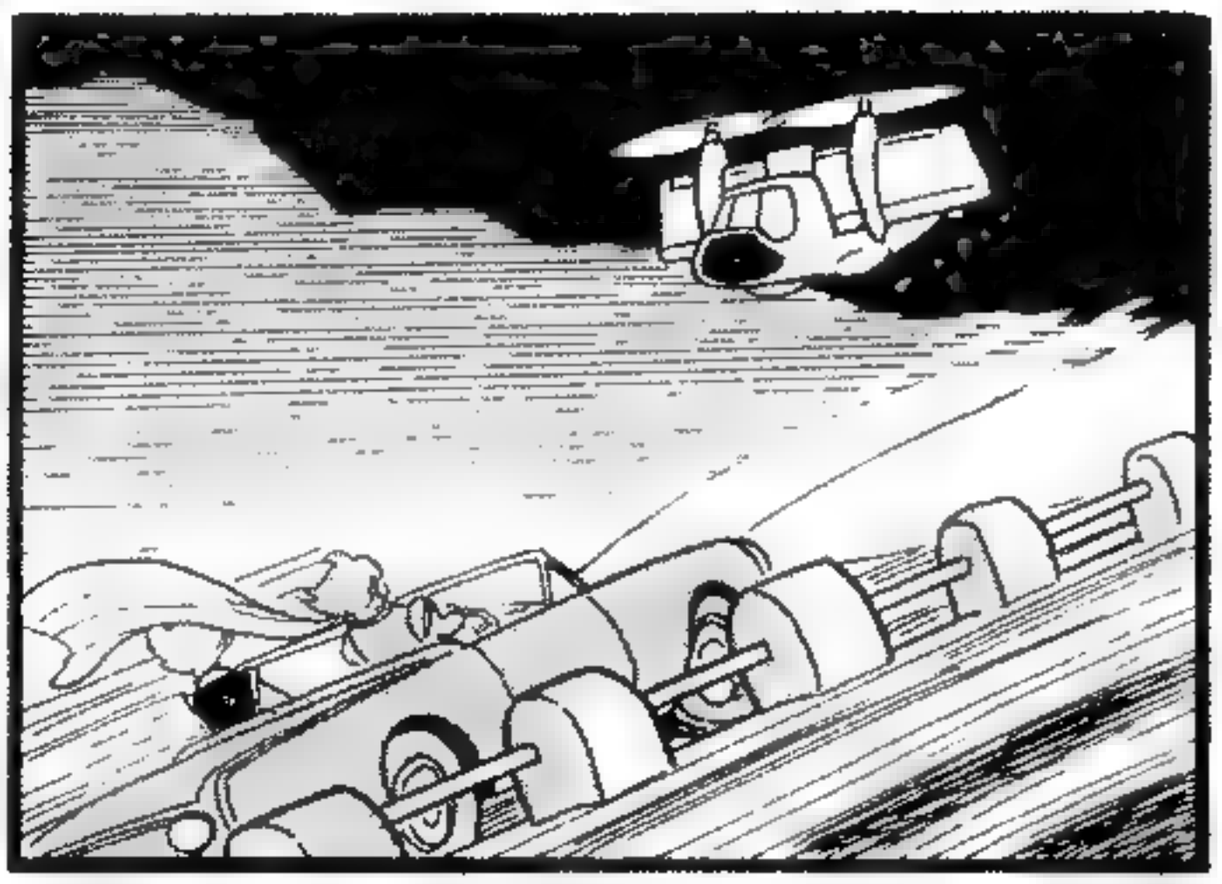

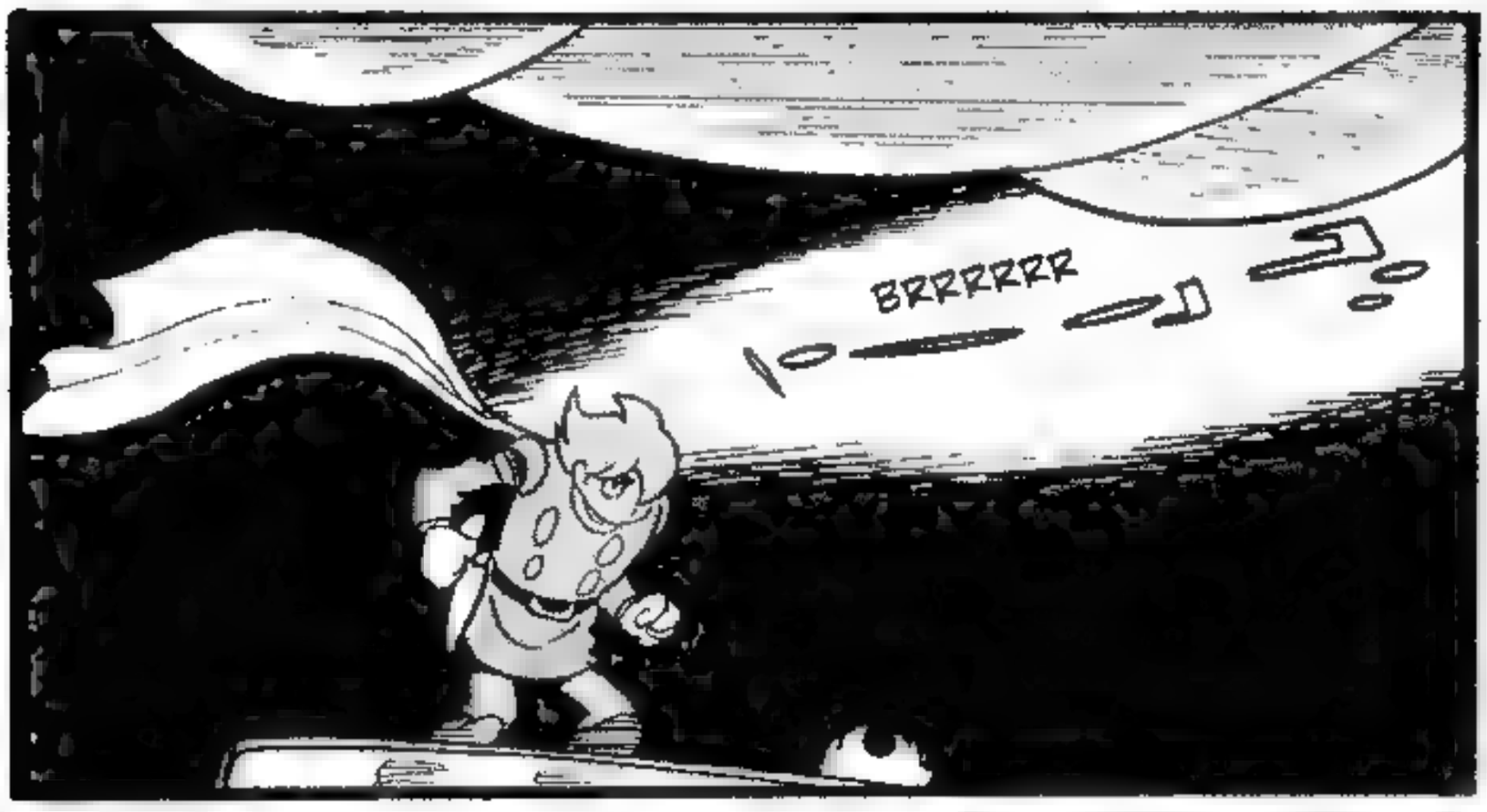
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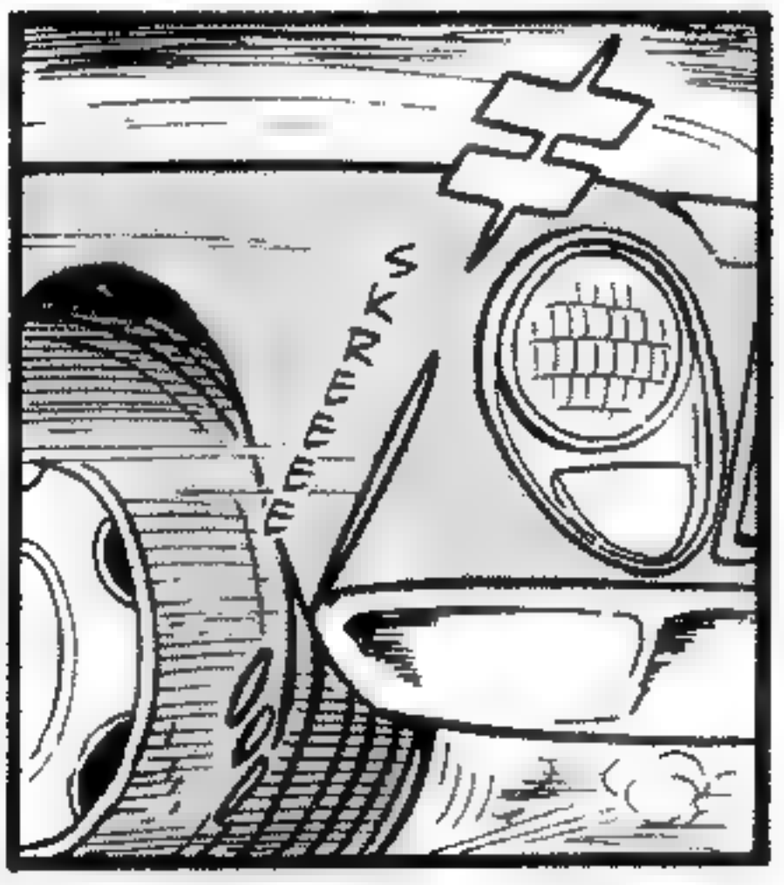
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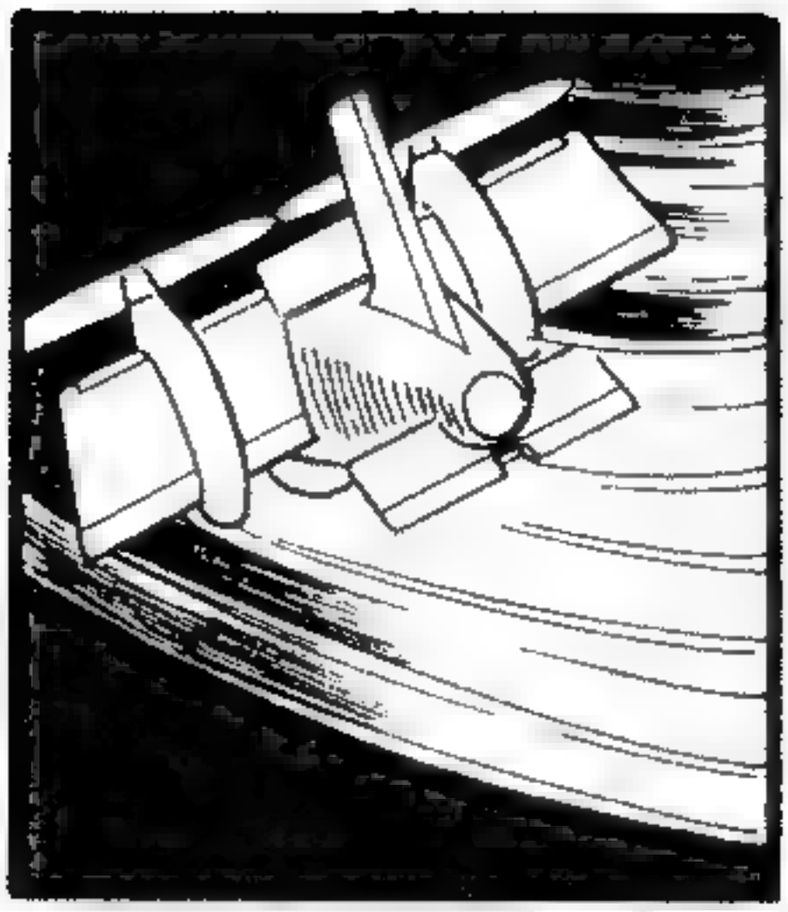

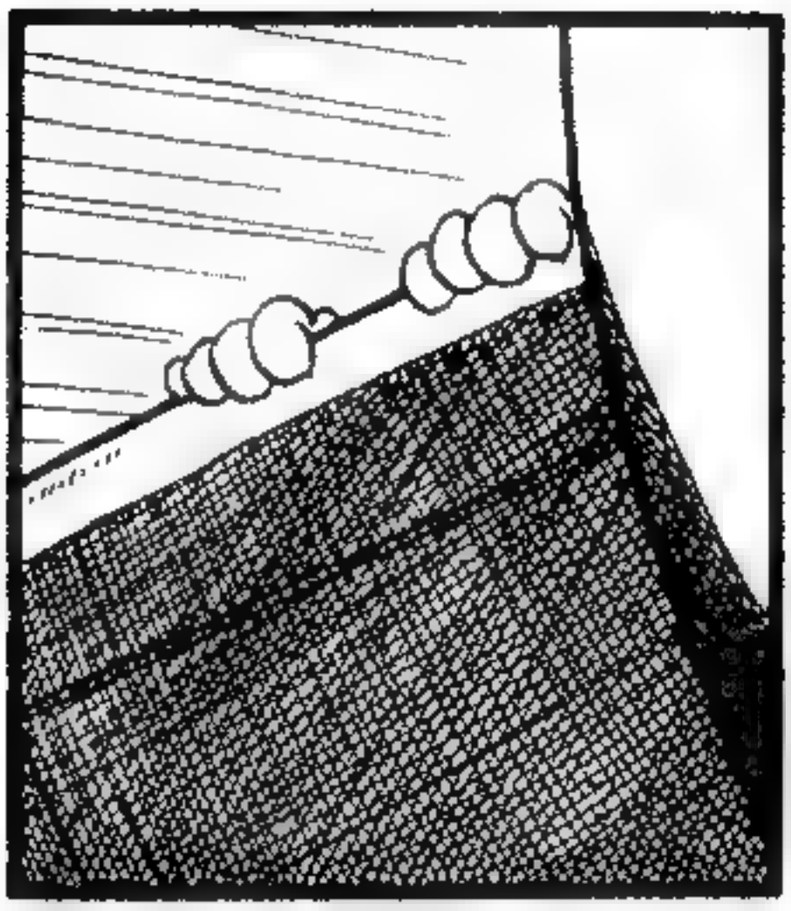

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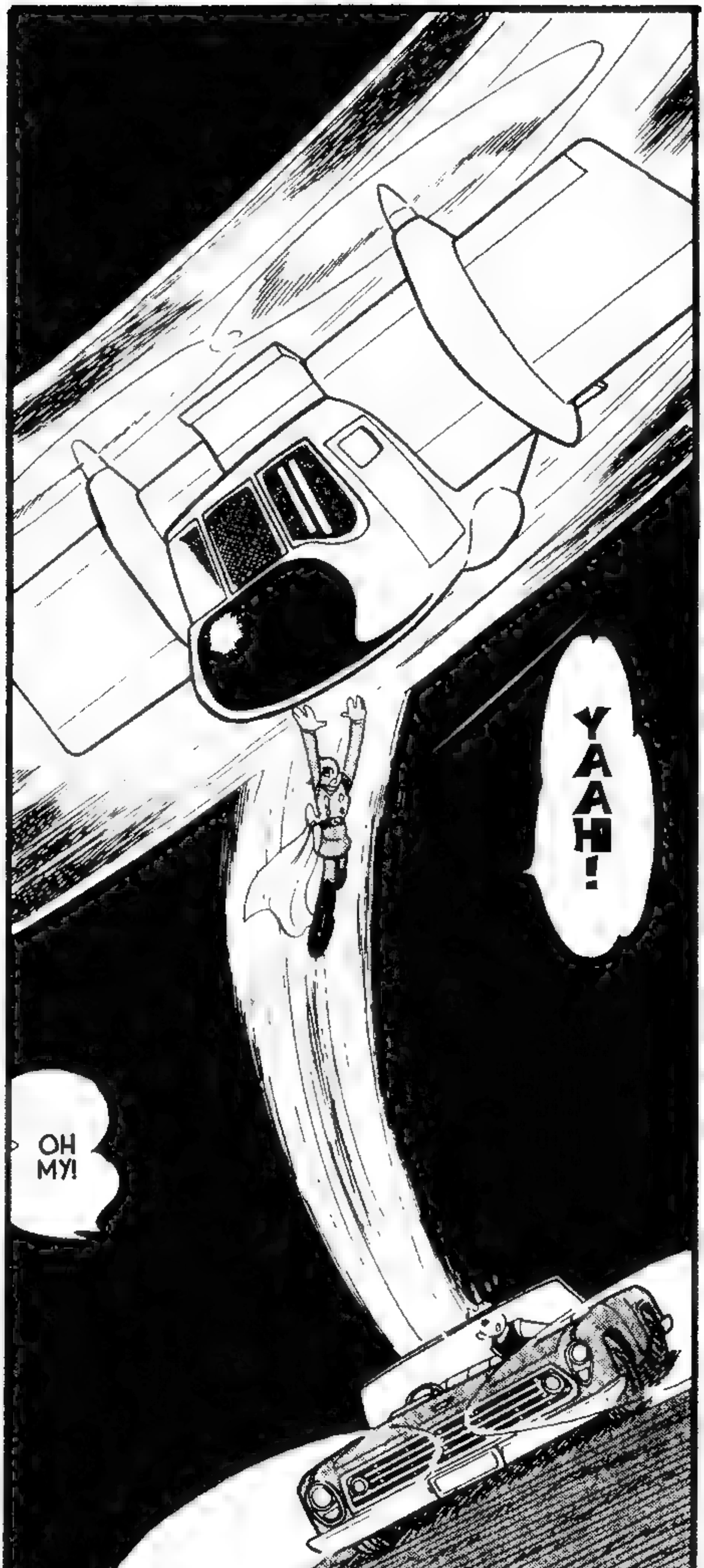
TARD...

WHY
ARE
YOU...?


YAAAH!
OH
MY!

004!

GRIN! 12 ♥ 11

WHAT?!

QUITE A SPLASHY SET OF WHEELS.

I WAS ON MY WAY TO VISIT WHEN I SPOTTED YOUR CAR.

JUST THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO PAY YOU A VISIT. IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

CALM DOWN, JOE!

I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU!

I MIGHT HAVE BLOWN YOU OUT OF THE SKY!

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?

YOU'RE CRAZY!

I THOUGHT I'D HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH YOU.

ESPECIALLY WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL AT YOUR SIDE.

CHAPTER 29 REUNION

THAT'S OKAY, 004. TO BE HONEST, I WAS EXTREMELY EXCITED.

I'M SORRY, GUYS. I HAD NO IDEA. I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU.

HMM...

...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED

HELLO. I'M HELEN.

THIS IS...

JOE? CAN I COME ALONG?

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ANY MORE, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH ME TO MEET DR. GILMORE.

WELL, AS YOU KNOW, BLACK GHOST IS UP TO HIS DIRTY TRICKS AGAIN.

SO TELL ME, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN JAPAN?

.....

.....

DON'T BE A PIG, 004!

I'M SORRY. THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN.

I PROMISE... I WON'T INTERFERE.

HMPH.

I'M SORRY, HELEN. 004'S NOT A BAD GUY, JUST A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED.

I'LL BE FINE.

BUT SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE WHAT SHE HEARS.

BRING HER IF YOU WANT.

GO EASY ON THEM, 004.

LOOKS LIKE WE HAD AN AUDIENCE.

WHO ARE YOU?

DASH

Murmur

CHAK

DON'T BE JEALOUS.

WHY? ARE YOU AFRAID THEY'RE FANS OF YOURS?

FOOOOOO

パラパラパラ

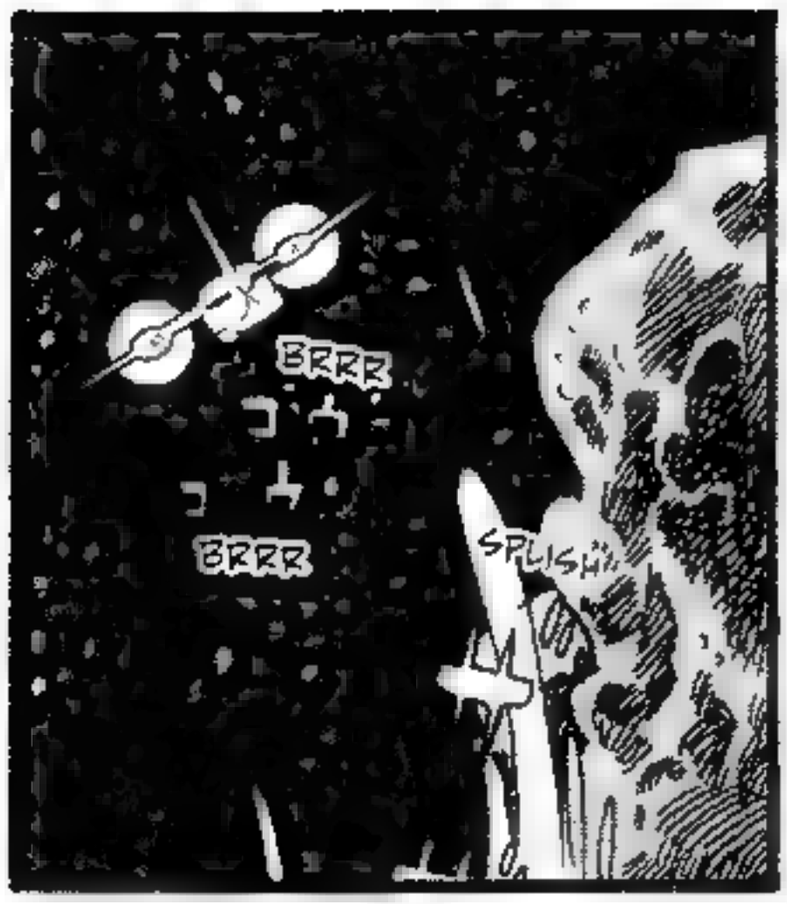
WHUP WHUP WHUP

CHAK

CHAK

WHIRRR

WHIRRR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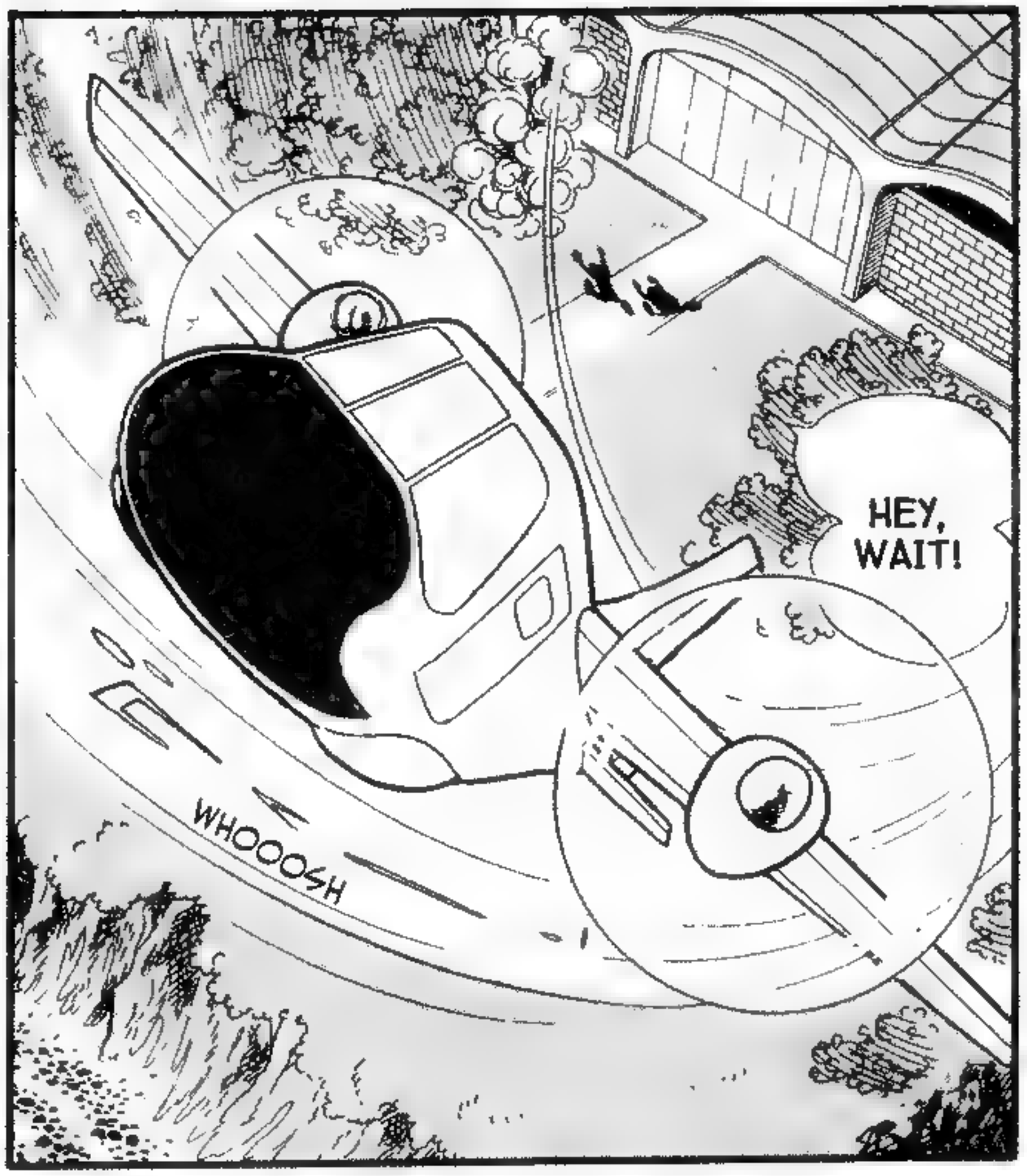
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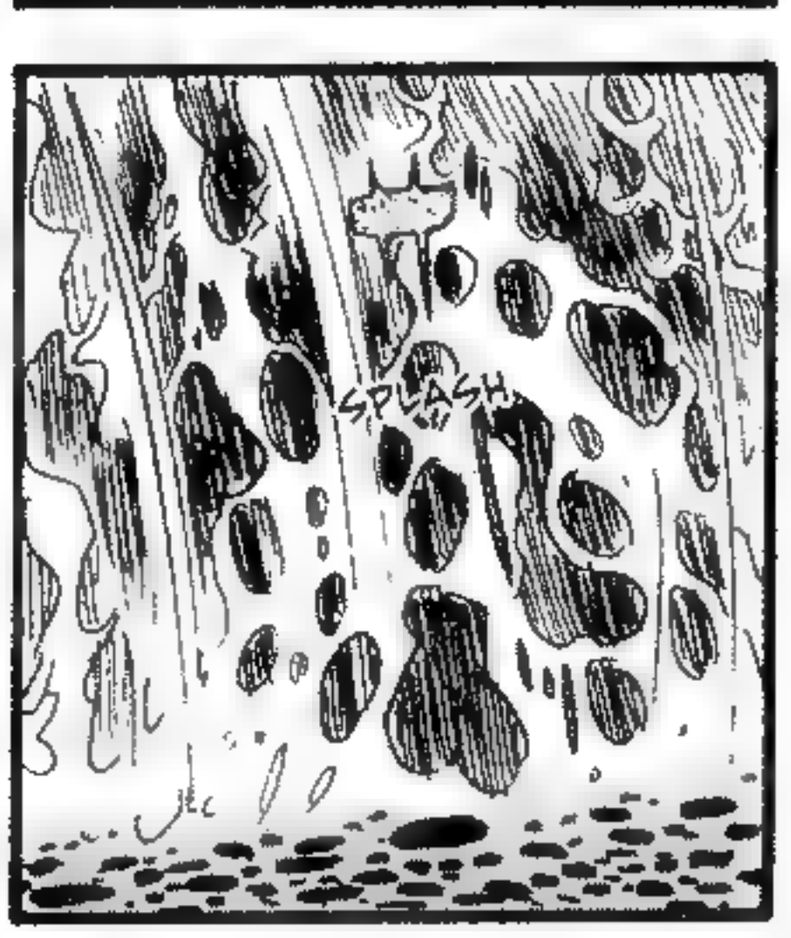
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BRRRR

BRRRR

SPLOOSH

BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP

SPLASH

THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, I WAS HEADED BACK TO GERMANY.

BRRRR

BRRRR

BRRRR

IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I WAS BROKE! NOTHING BUT BAD LUCK.

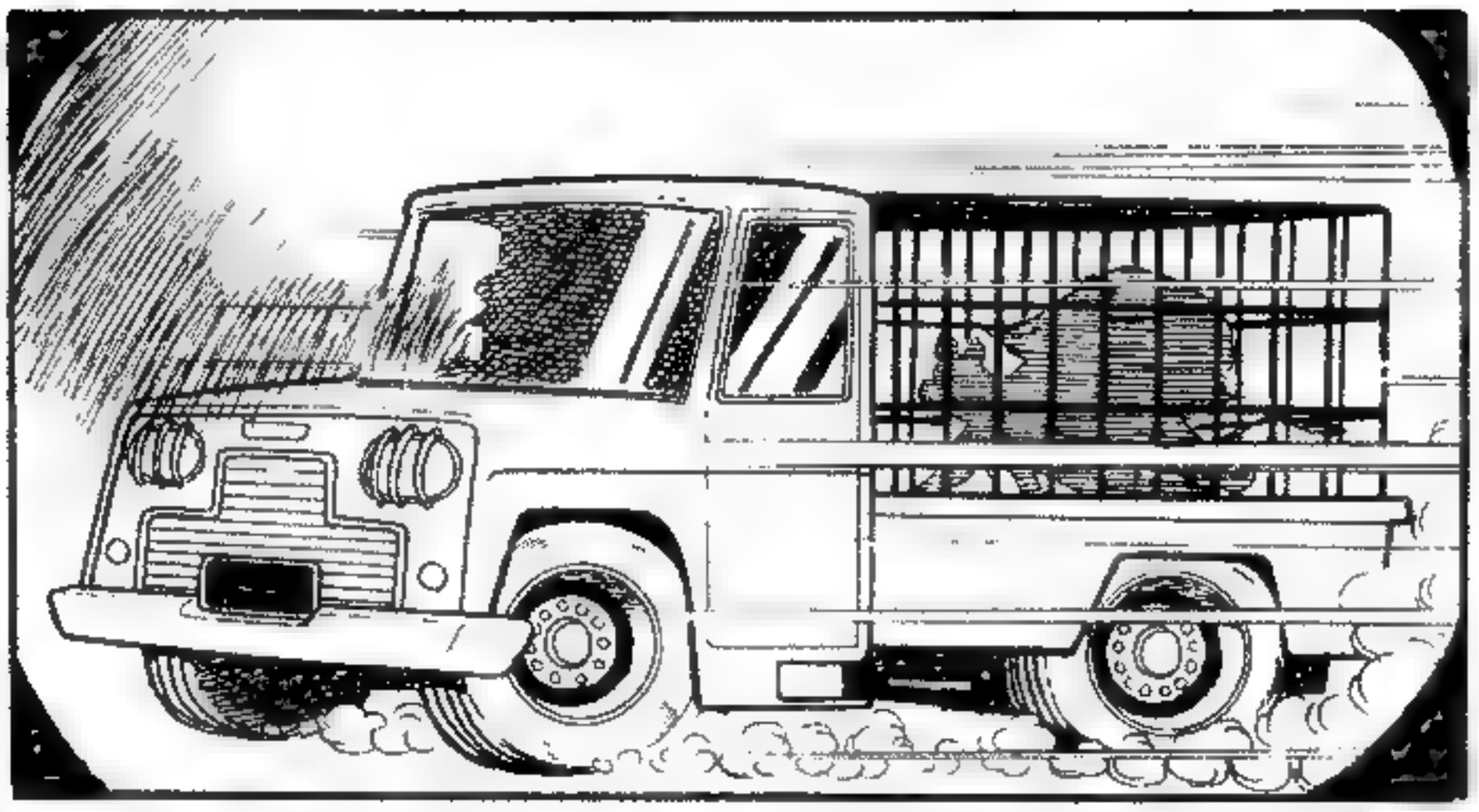
MY ENHANCED BODY ACTUALLY WORKED AGAINST ME. NO ONE WOULD HIRE ME.

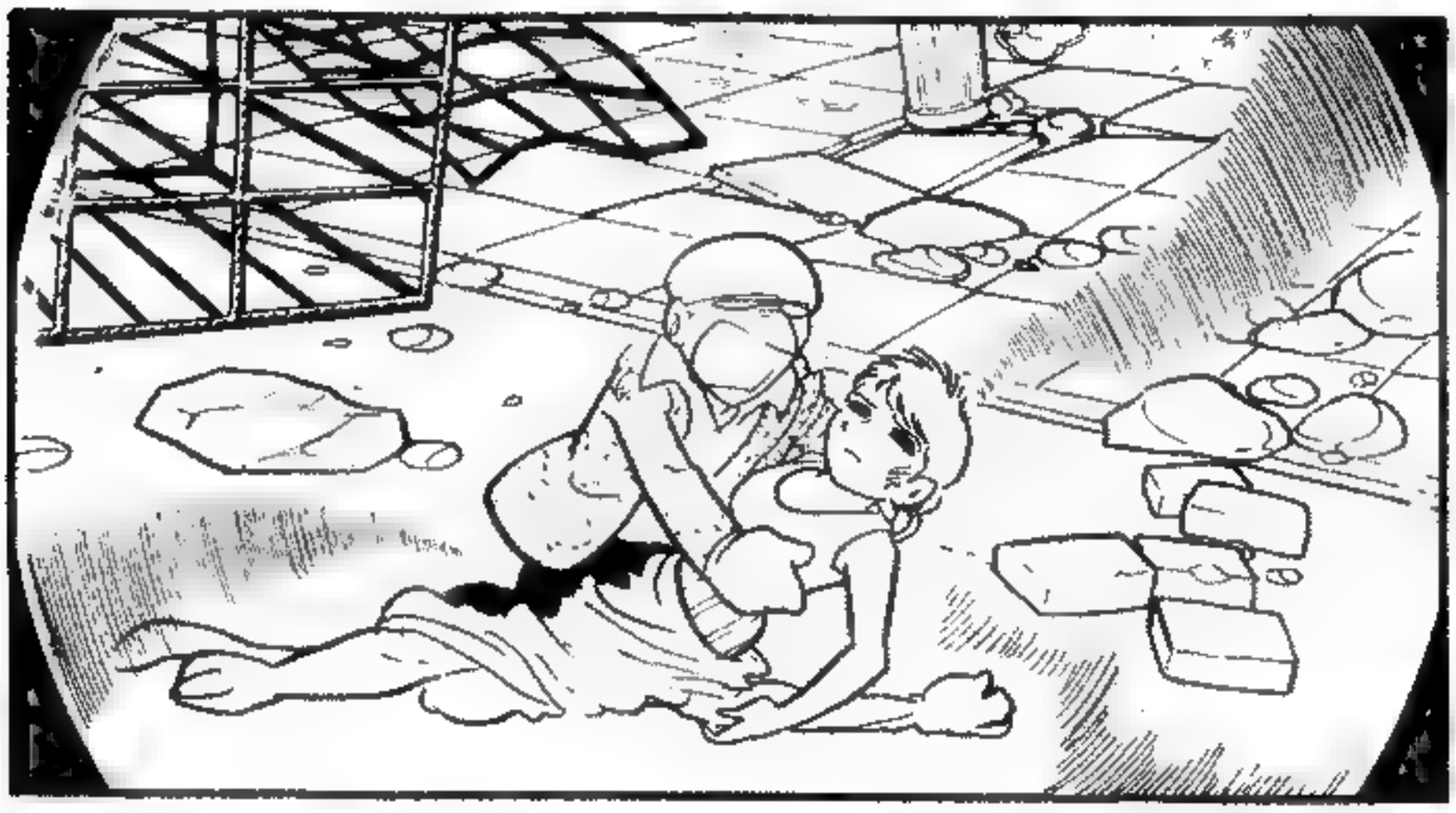
...BACK IN EAST BERLIN. EVERYONE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED.

UNFORTUN-ATELY, THERE'S NOT MUCH USE FOR A CYBORG...

...WHEN YOU TRIED TO FLEE TO WEST GERMANY.

I'M SORRY. I KNOW THAT YOUR TROUBLE STARTED...





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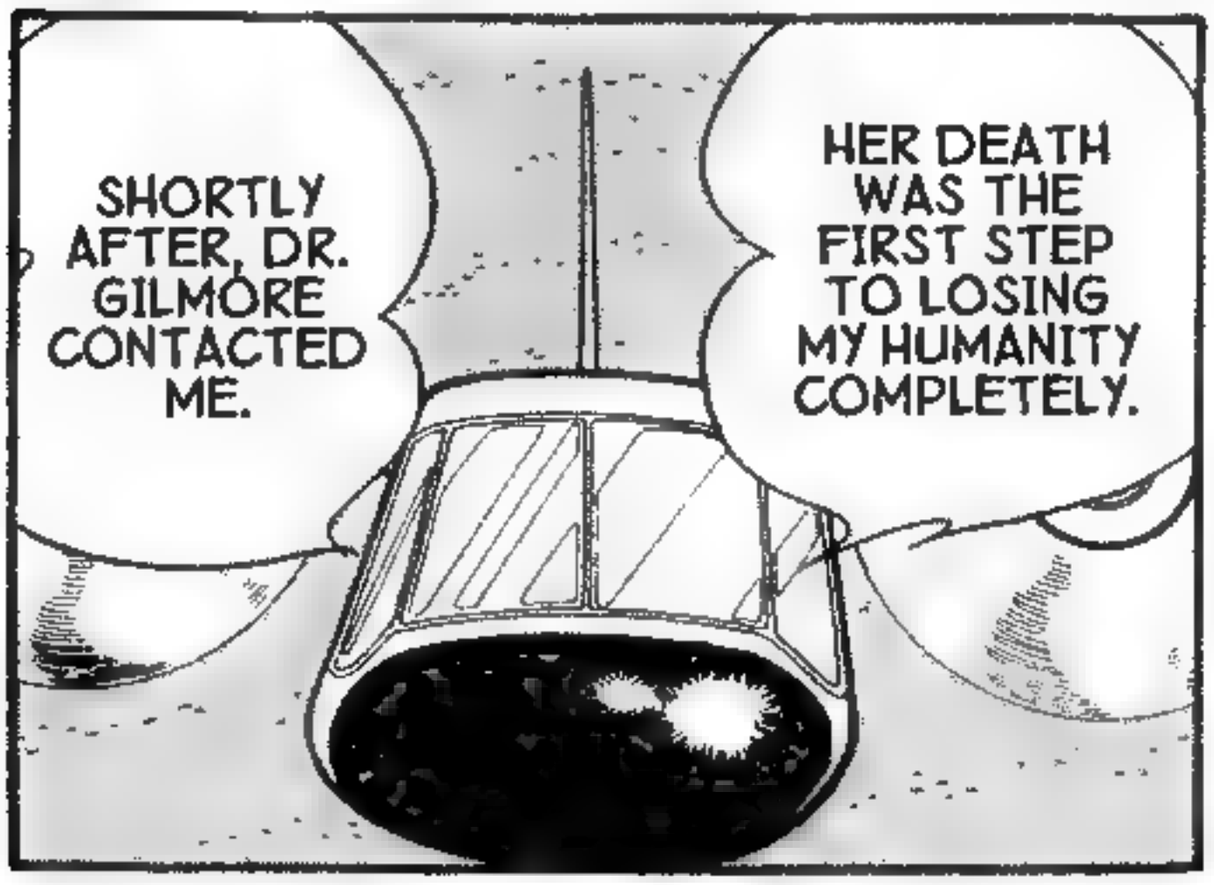
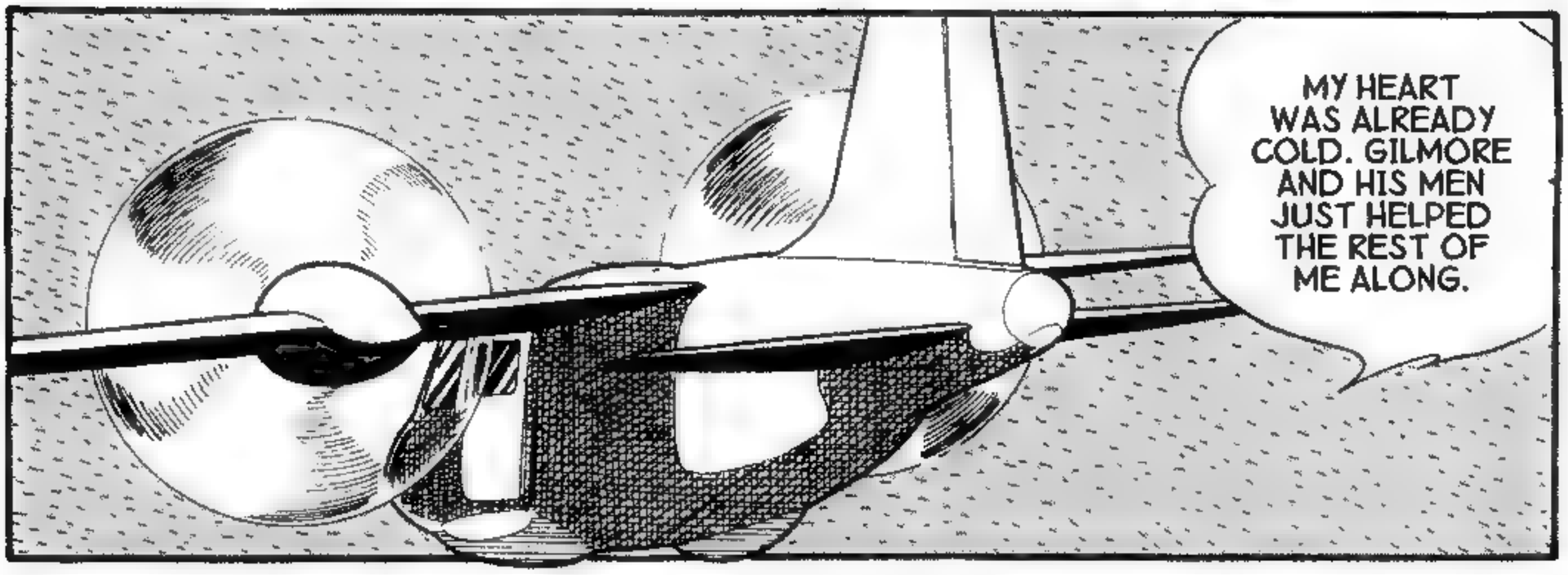

SHORTLY AFTER, DR. GILMORE CONTACTED ME.
HER DEATH WAS THE FIRST STEP TO LOSING MY HUMANITY COMPLETELY.

YES.
OH, HOW SAD!
...YOUR FIANCÉE MUST STILL HURT.


MY HEART WAS ALREADY COLD. GILMORE AND HIS MEN JUST HELPED THE REST OF ME ALONG.

FWASH

BLOOP BLOOP

BLOOP

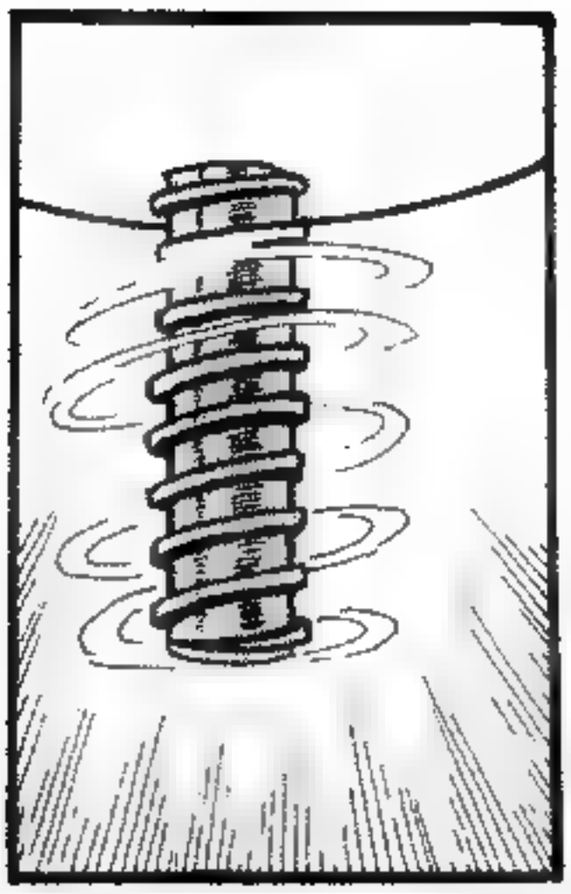
SPLASH

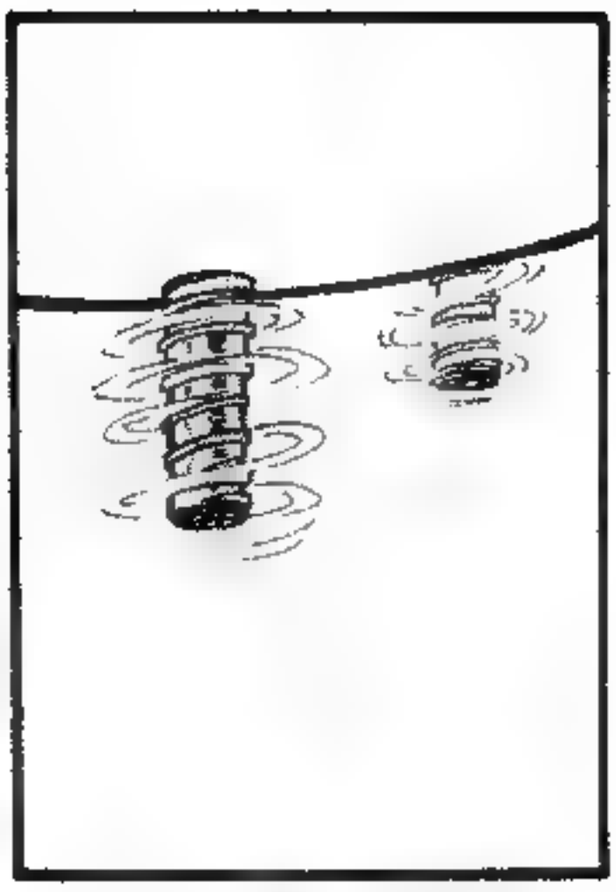
CHAK

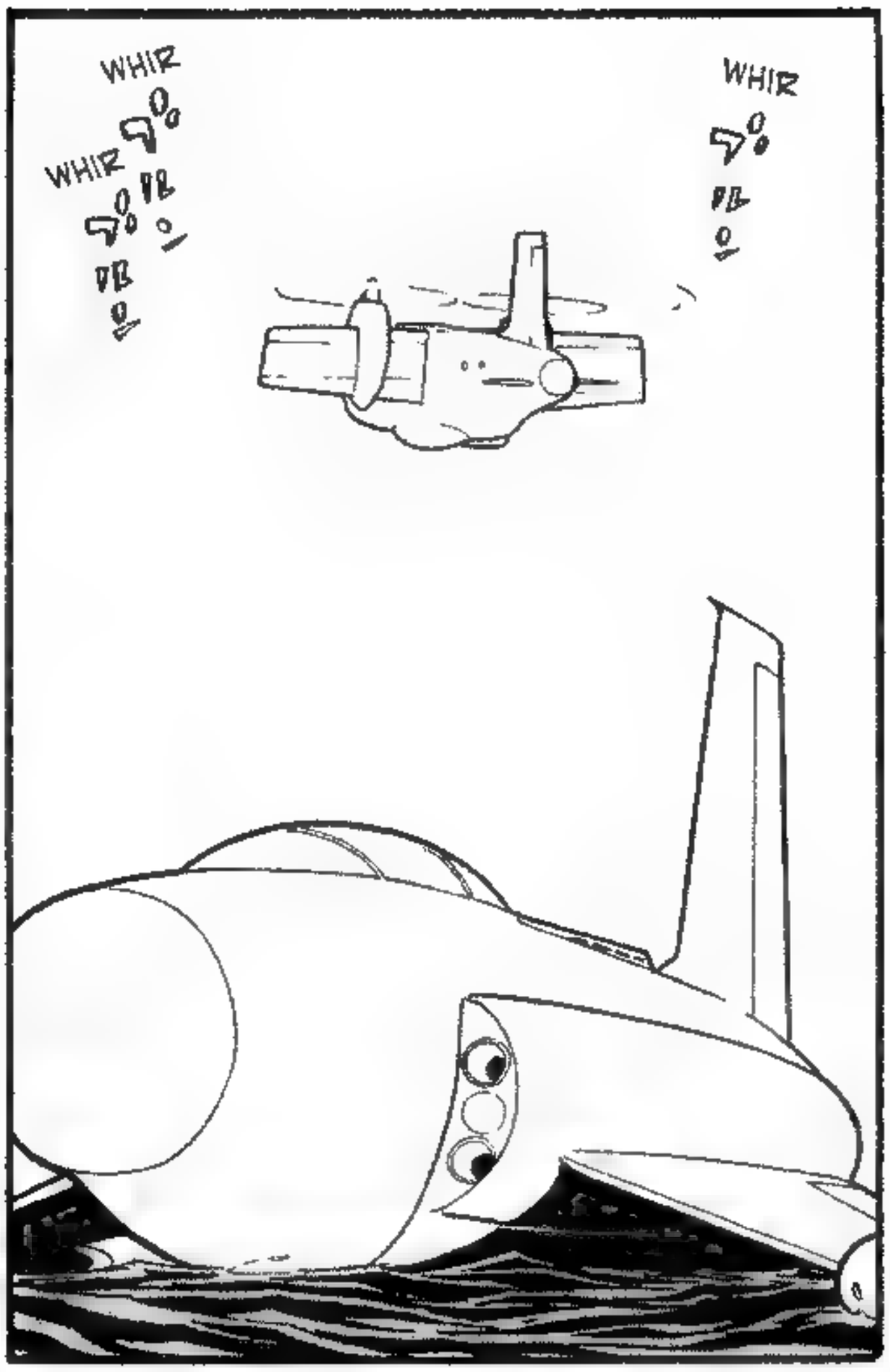
WHIZZZZ

YES.

IS THAT IT?



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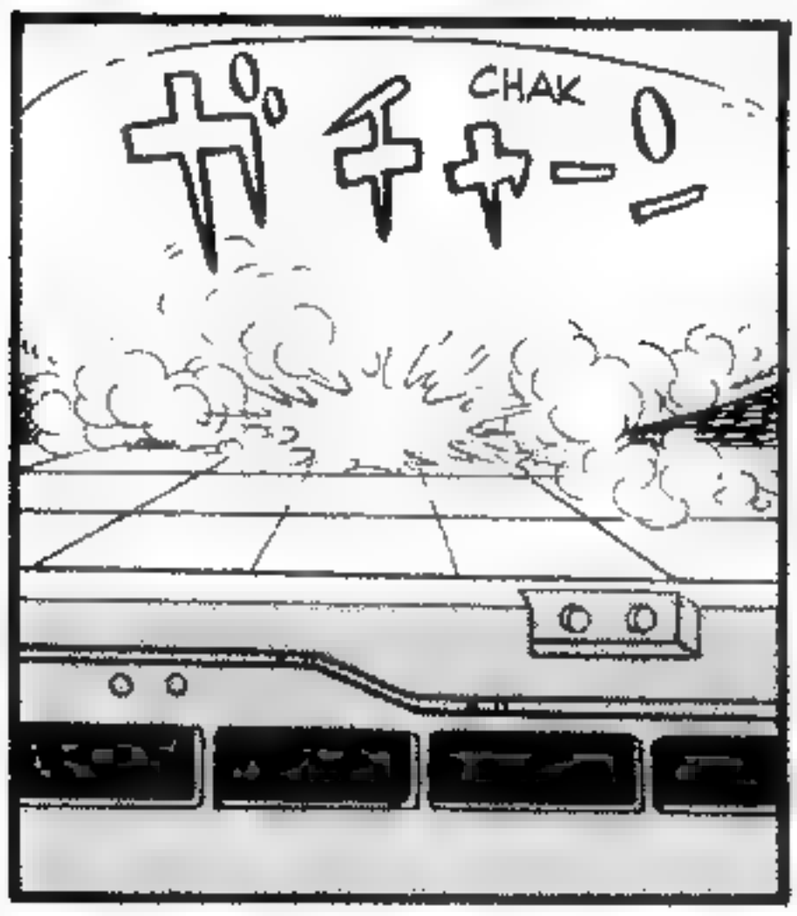
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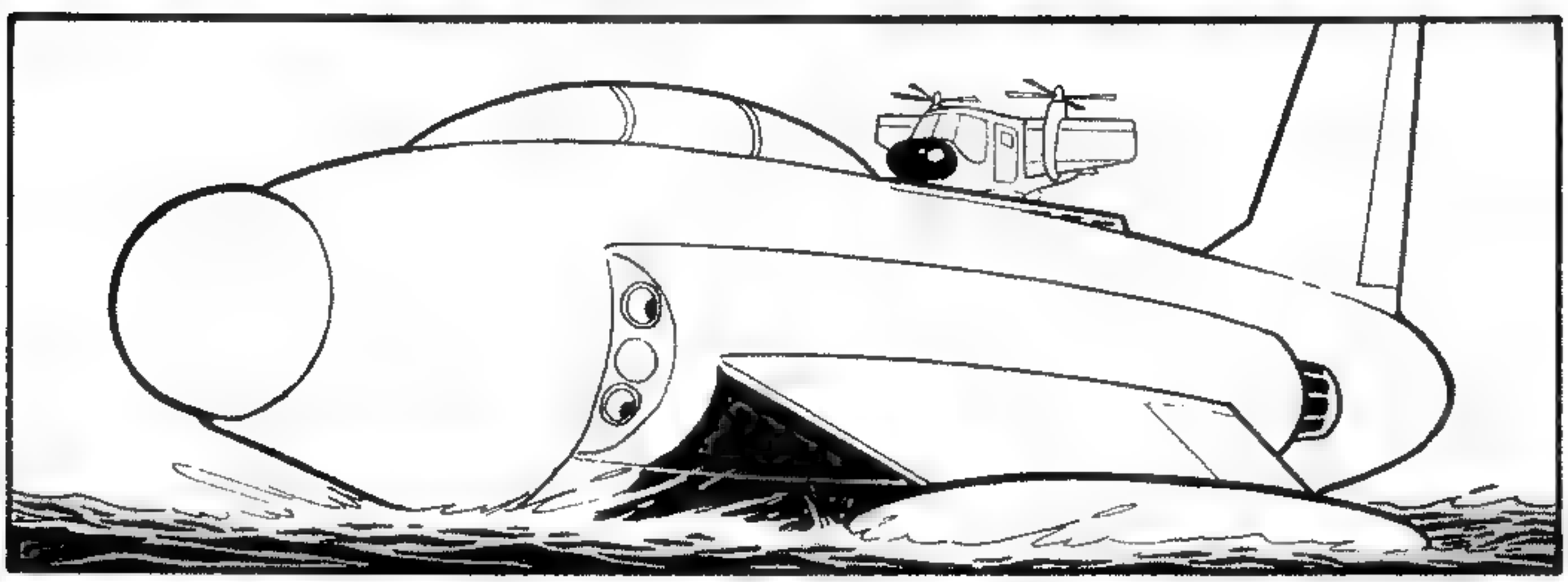
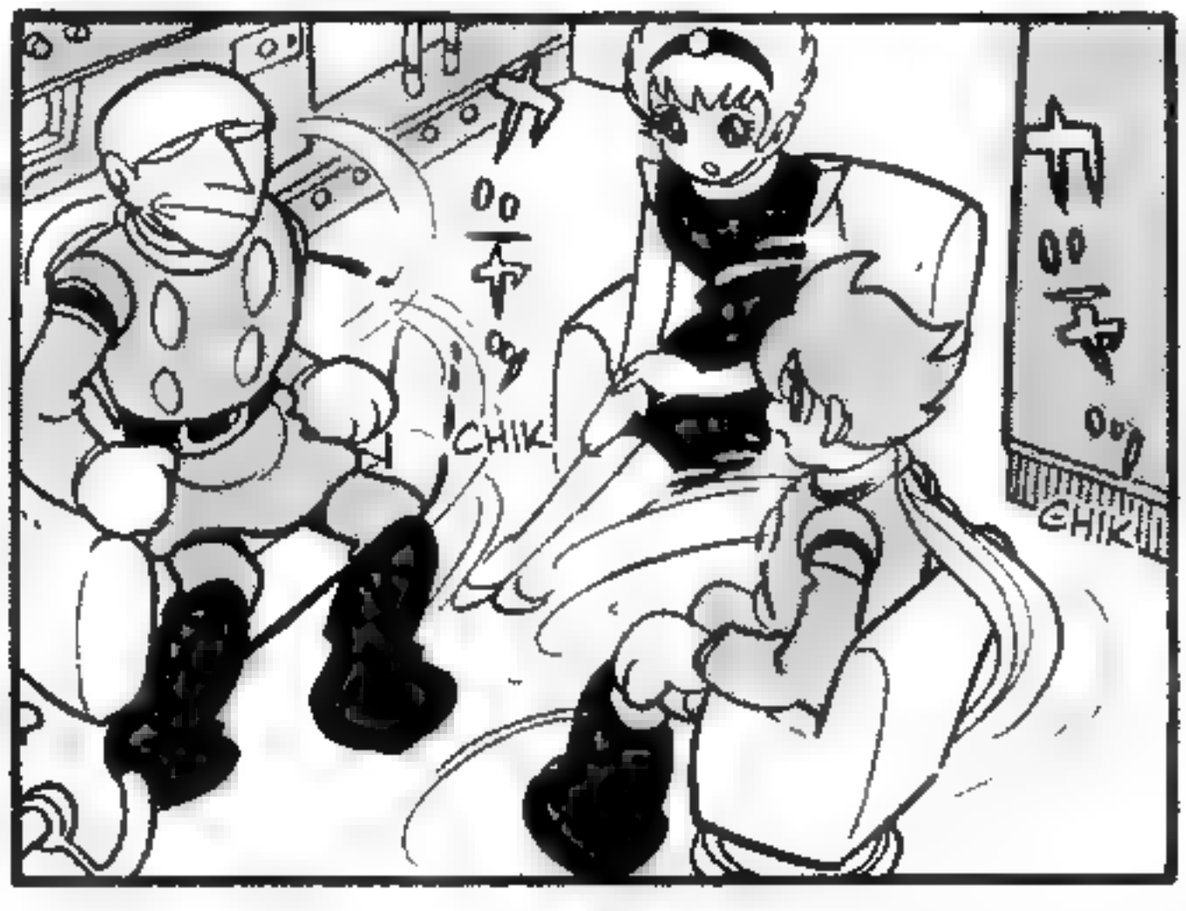


AFTER YOU.


CHIK!
CHIK!

WHOA.

HEH HEH, THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

009! LONG TIME, NO SEE!

Goo goo.

001! YOU HAVEN'T GROWN A BIT.

DR. GILMORE!

HER FATHER HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY BLACK GHOST. A SCIENTIST NAMED WISHBONE.

THIS... IS HELEN.

AND WHO IS THIS FINE LASSIE?

I MISSED YOU, DOC!

HMPH.

004! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OR SO SHE SAYS...

YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE! HELEN IS...

ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS FROM YOUR ENEMIES.

009, OUR BATTLE WITH BLACK GHOST IS NEVER OVER. WE ARE ALWAYS THEIR TARGET.

NO! PLEASE, HE DOESN'T MEAN ANY OF IT.

I'M SORRY, JOE. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE STAYED...

. . . . . .

HELEN IS... WAS... COULD BE... AS DIRTY AND UNDERHANDED AS BLACK GHOST!

REALLY, JOE, IT'S NO PROBLEM. I DON'T MIND GOING BACK.

...IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE! LOOK!

AS GOOD AS THAT SOUNDS, MISS...

...THE CULMINATION OF TWO YEAR'S WORK FROM MYSELF AND 001 HERE.

THIS IS...

Control room number 1
Ultrasonic wave cannon
Control room number 2
Vertical tabulation ascending helicopter (VT)
Tail
Exit
Drill (For going underground)
Exit
Light
Missiles
Rocket engine
Fuel
Main wings
Float
Caterpillar

...AND HOPEFULLY END THEIR REIGN OF TERROR OVER THE EARTH.

THERE'S NO PLACE BLACK GHOST CAN GO THAT WE CAN'T FOLLOW...

I HUMBLY PRESENT TO YOU, THE DOLPHIN! AN AIR-WORTHY AMPHIBIOUS CRAFT THE LIKES OF WHICH YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN!

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PINPOINT ITS ORIGIN OR INTENTIONS, BUT I'M WILLING TO BET IT'S A BLACK GHOST CREATION.

IN FACT, I RECOGNIZE THE TECH-NOLOGY! IT'S A BLACK GHOST DESIGN!

THE LATEST NEWS IS THAT THERE'S A GIANT BAT-LIKE MONSTER TERRORIZING THE SKIES.

HOWEVER, I WILL NOT DEMAND THIS OF YOU. YOU BECAME A CYBORG AGAINST YOUR WILL. I'LL HARDLY FORCE YOU NOW TO USE YOUR POWERS TOWARD MY IMMEDIATE GOALS.

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND. YOU'RE VERY MUCH NEEDED NOW!

THAT'S WHY WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HUNT YOU DOWN, 009!

EXCELLENT! HURRY! LET'S ROUND UP THE OTHERS!

BUT MY SENSE OF DUTY COMPELS ME TO ACTION FOR MORE THAN FORTUNE AND FAME.

I DO HAVE A WONDER-FULLY COMFORT-ABLY LIFE RIGHT NOW...

IT'S RIGHT UNDER US!

NO, IT'S SOME-THING BIGGER...

SOME-THING'S APPRO-ACHING! A SUBMA-RINE...?

BEEP

DOCTOR!

ONE OF BLACK GHOST'S ROBOTIC CREATURES OF THE DEEP!

A DINOSAUR!

WAH!

SPLASH

SURFACE!

FWISH

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WHOOM

WHOOM

PSSS

PSSS

CHAK

FWASH

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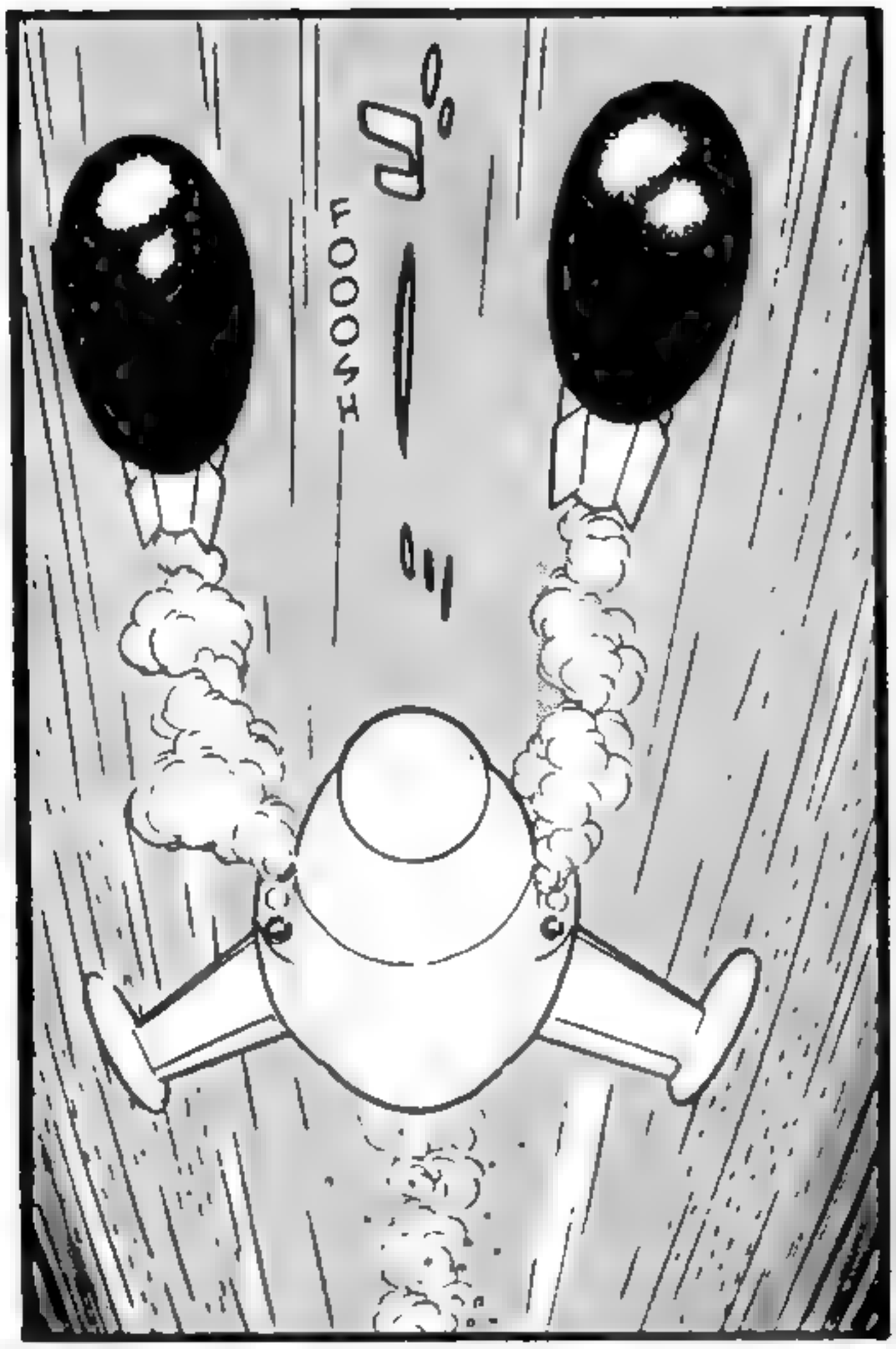
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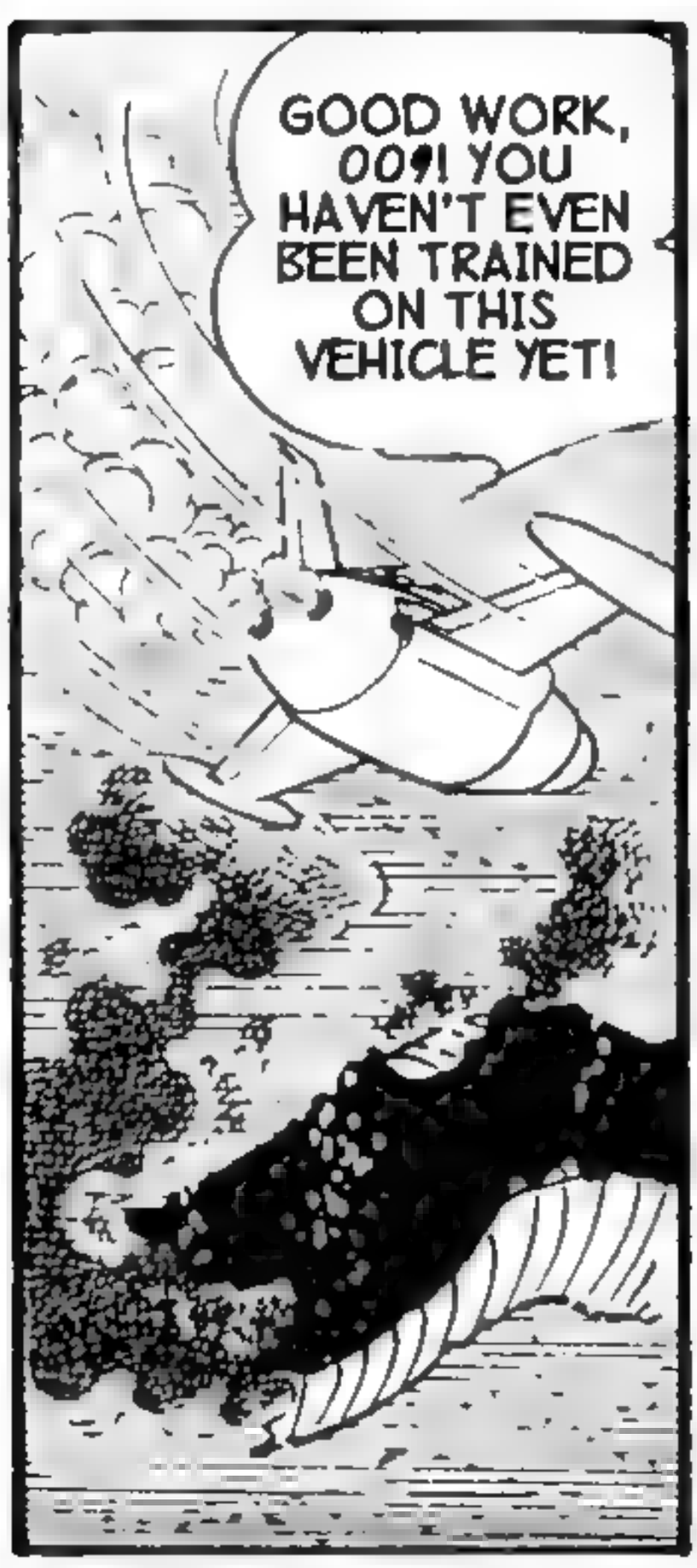
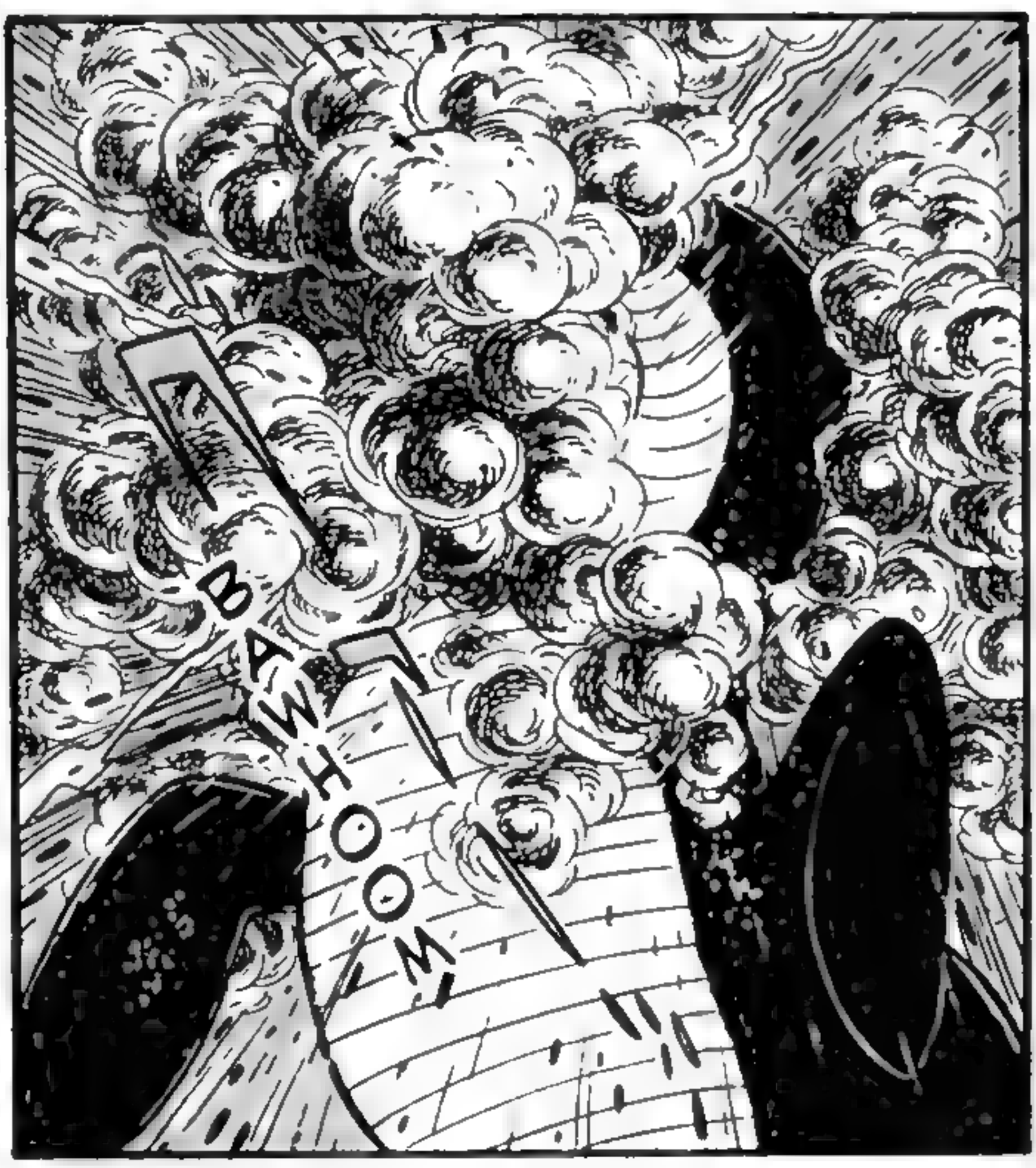

GOOD WORK, 009! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN TRAINED ON THIS VEHICLE YET!


BLAM
WHOOM

BY THE WAY, 004...

THERE'S NO VEHICLE I DON'T INTUITIVELY KNOW HOW TO OPERATE.

A LATENT CYBERNETIC POWER, DOCTOR.

. . . . . .

I DON'T THINK EVEN BLACK GHOST WOULD FIRE ON ONE OF THEIR OWN.

...I'D SAY THAT ATTACK PROVES HELEN'S ON OUR SIDE.

I'M AS BLIND AS JOE IS. I CAN'T READ HER THOUGHTS.

DON'T SAY ANYTHING YET, 004.

FROM THIS DISTANCE, IT COULD BE AN AIRCRAFT, A BIRD .. ANYTHING

THIS SHOT WAS TAKEN FROM FIVE KILOMETERS AWAY.

CHAPTER 30
GATHERING

BUT UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, ONE CAN SEE...

PROFESSOR, DO YOU THINK THIS AN ACTUAL PTERODACTYL? AREN'T THEY EXTINCT?

...IT LOOKS LIKE A PTERODACTYL FROM THE PALEOZOIC ERA.

THIS IS A PIECE OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS IT DESTROYED!

THE KIND OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION LEFT IN ITS WAKE WOULD LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THE CREATURE IS NOT ORGANIC.

IF YOU NOTICE THE ULTRASONIC WAVES THE CREATURE EMITS, YOU MIGHT SUSPECT OTHERWISE

EVEN THE HUMAN BODY CRUMBLES AWAY WHEN EXPOSED TO THE WAVES!

APPARENTLY, THE ULTRASONIC WAVES ARE THE CAUSE OF THIS MASS DESTRUCTION

WATCH HOW EASILY THE STONES CRUMBLE IN MY HAND.

THIS ALARM HAS REACHED THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE MUTATED INTEGRITY OF THE BODY CAUSES MASSIVE CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE, WHICH LEADS TO DEATH WITHIN MINUTES.

THE BONES AND BLOOD VESSELS BEGIN TO WEAKEN UNTIL THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT CAUSES THEM TO RUPTURE

NOW SOME NUT BUILDS A GIANT BIRD THAT CAN TAKE OUT WHOLE CITIES.

THE WORLD JUST KEEPS GET SCARIER EVERY DAY.

...YOU'RE DENYING YOURSELF THE PRIVILEGE OF EATING MY FINE CUISINE.

IF ONLY PEOPLE WOULD LEARN THAT IF YOU'RE DEAD...

KEEP AN EYE IN THE SKY, AND, IF YOU SEE THIS MONSTER, TAKE SHELTER QUICKLY.

...BUT UNTIL IT IS STOPPED, WE CAUTION THE POPULATION OF THE EARTH TO BE ALERT

UN INVESTIGA-TORS ARE ATTEMPTING TO PINPOINT THE ORIGIN OF THIS CREA-TURE...

WOW.

肉包子

餃 飯

BUT YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO APPEAL-ING, HOW ABOUT SOME POTSTICK-ERS TO GO!

...WE HAVE WORK TO DO, CHANG!

NO, I'M AFRAID THAT'S ALL YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO COOK...

SO, RECONSIDER, SIR. ONE BOWL OF RAMEN COULD HARDLY QUENCH A HEALTHY APPETITE.

中華飯店張

出血奉仕

Main sign: Chang's Chinese Restaurant

Sign: Specialties

REALLY?!

WHAT?

I'M LEAVING THE PLACE TO YOU.

DON'T WORRY, FELLAS.

YEAH! WHAT ABOUT US?

B-BUT, BOSS! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SO SAD...ALL THE HARD WORK...ALL THE GREASE, SWEAT AND TEARS...

WE SHOUL-DA GOT THAT IN WRITING.

WE'LL MISS YOU BOSS, THANKS!

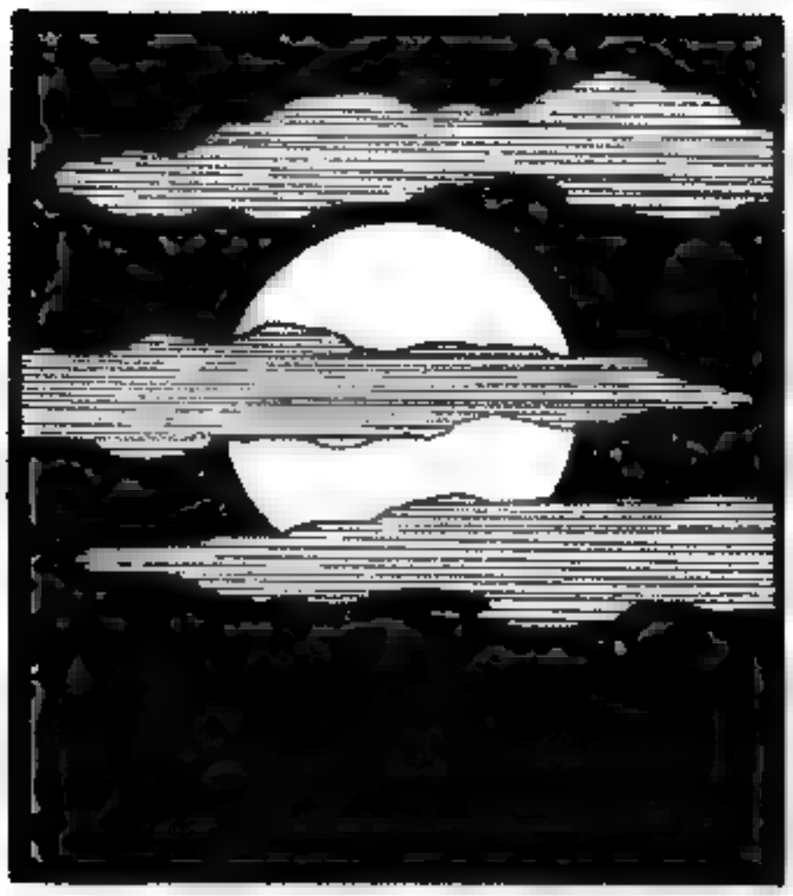
HUH?

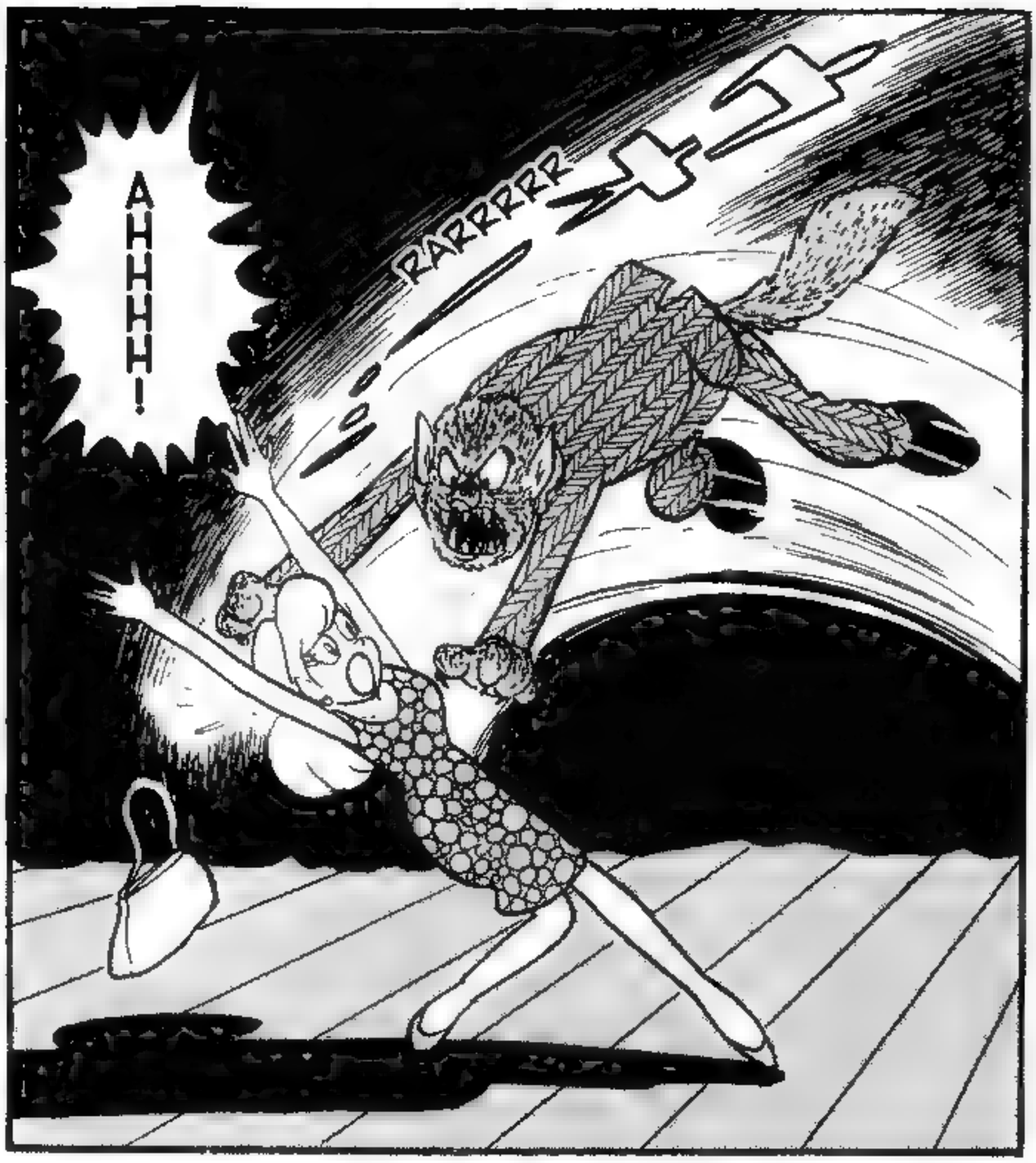
GROWL!

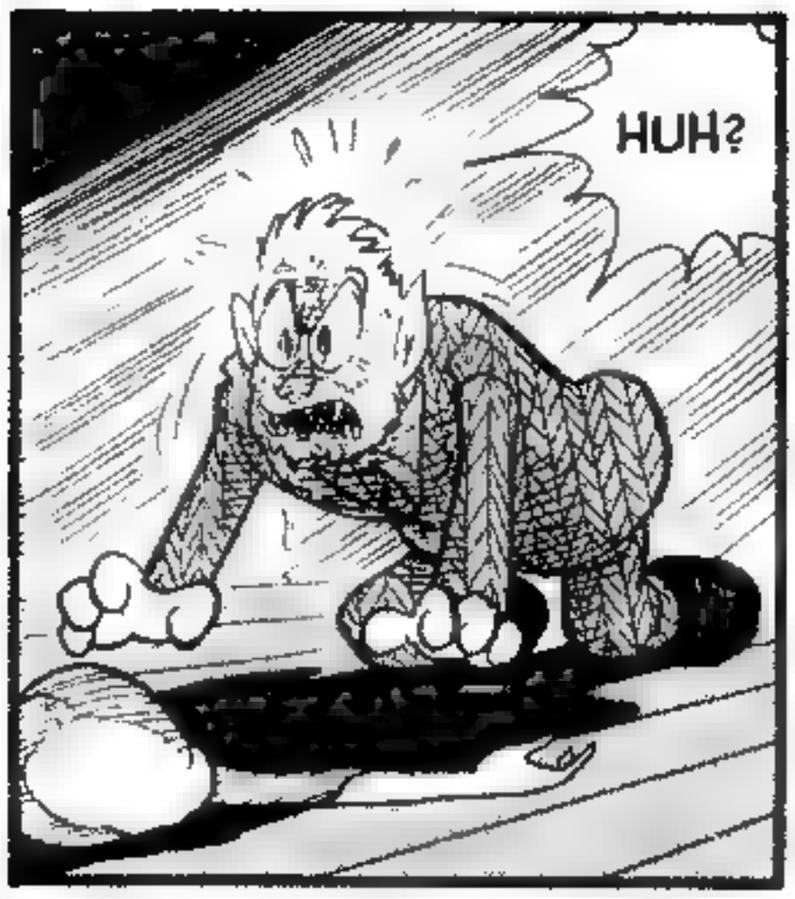
GRRR.

UGH.

UHH.




AHHH!
RARRRR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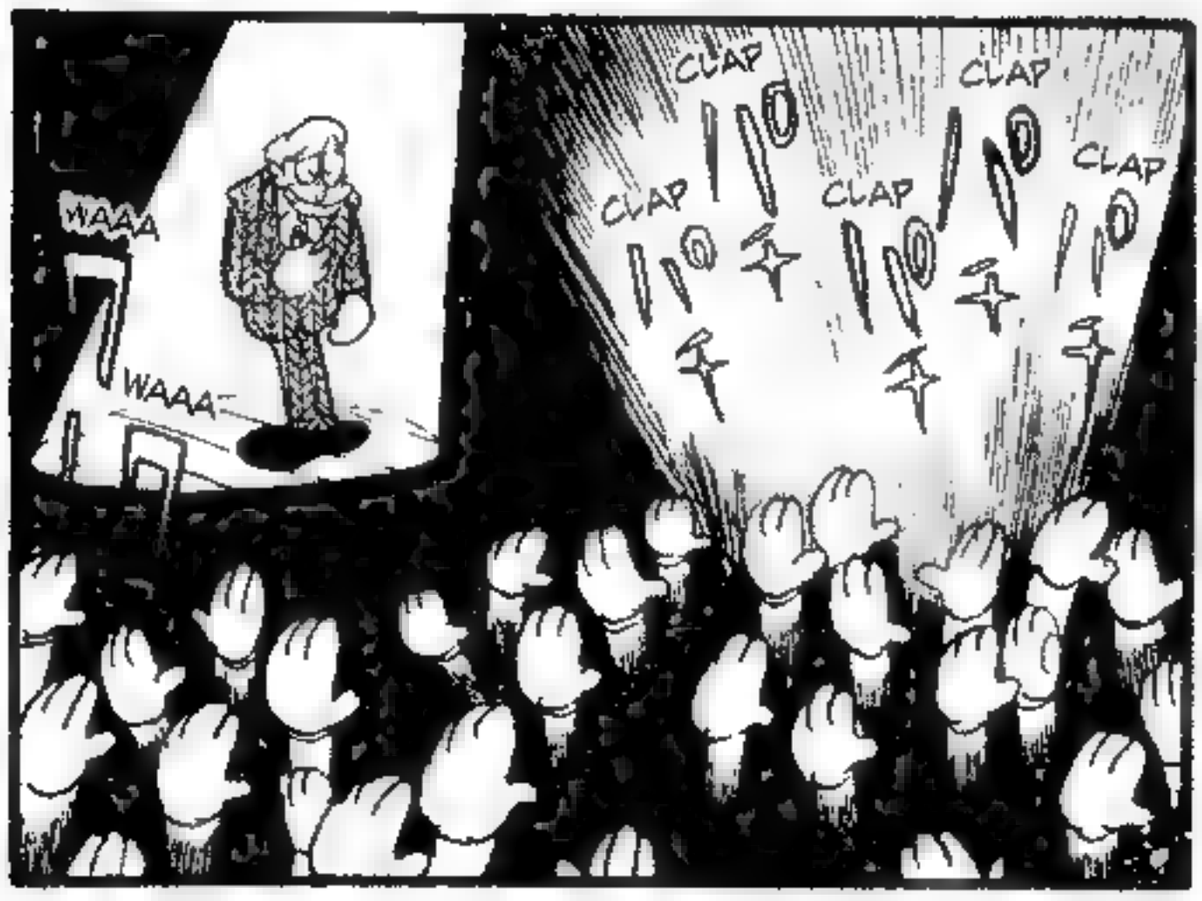
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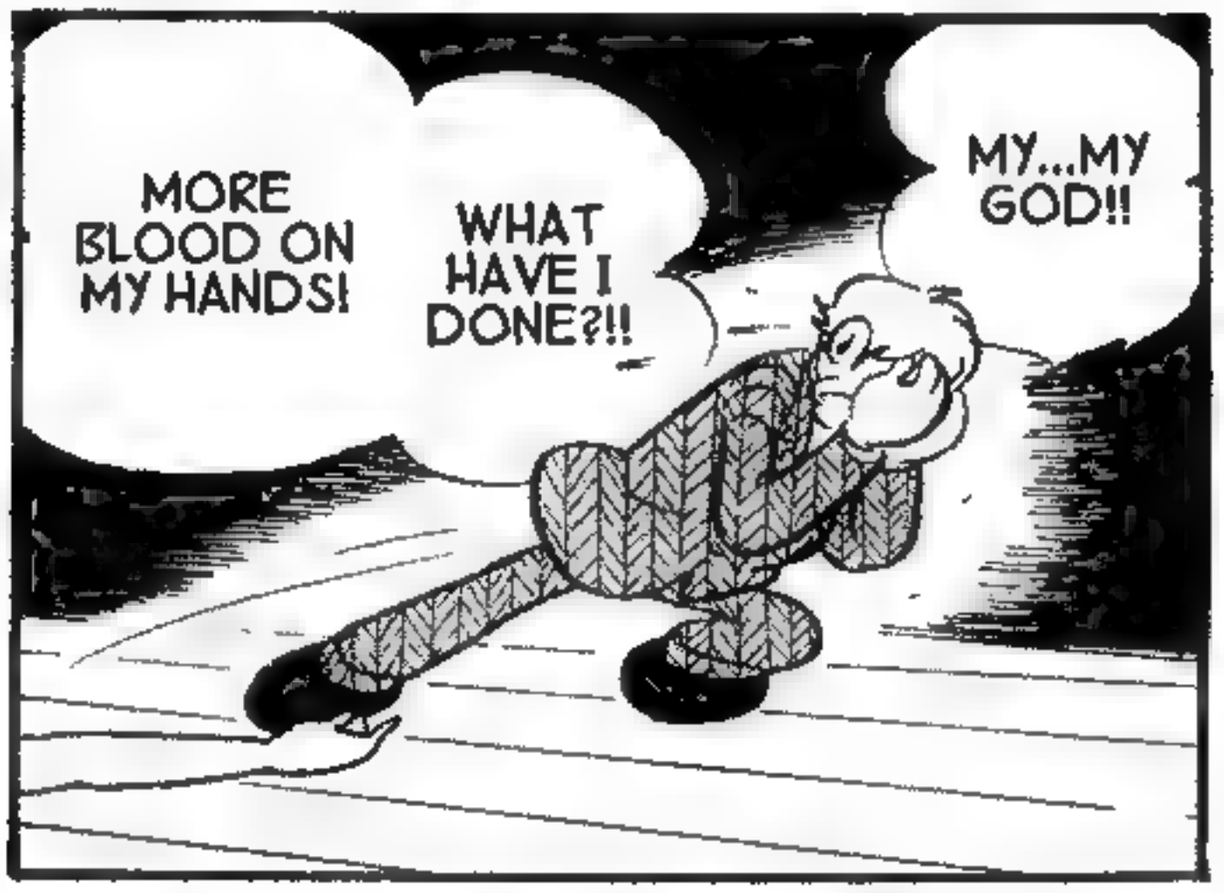
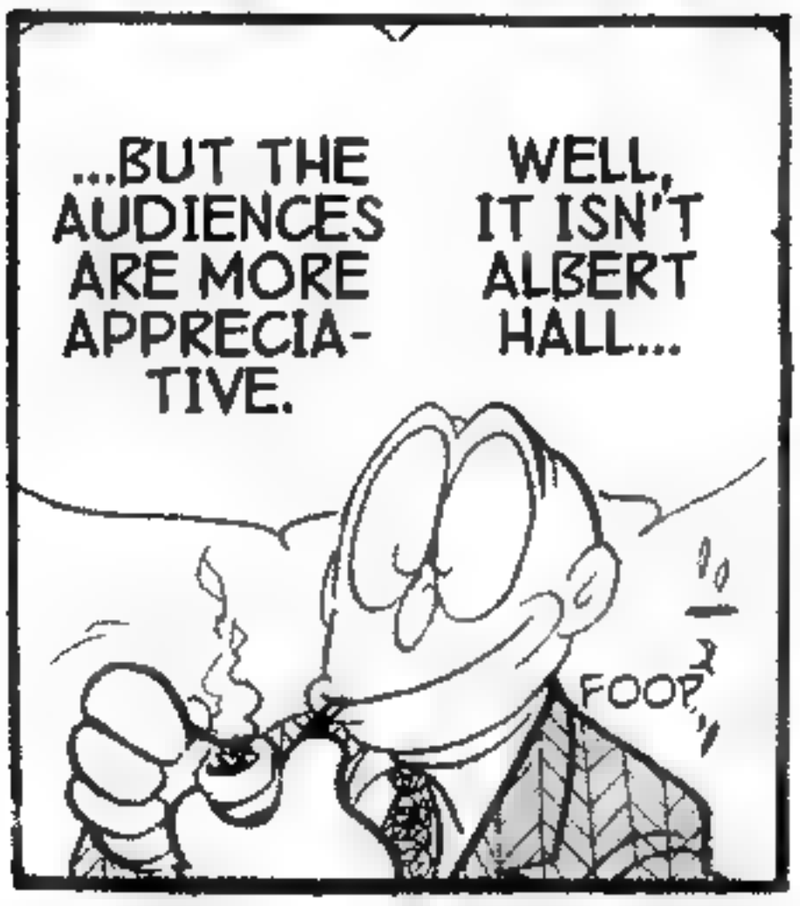
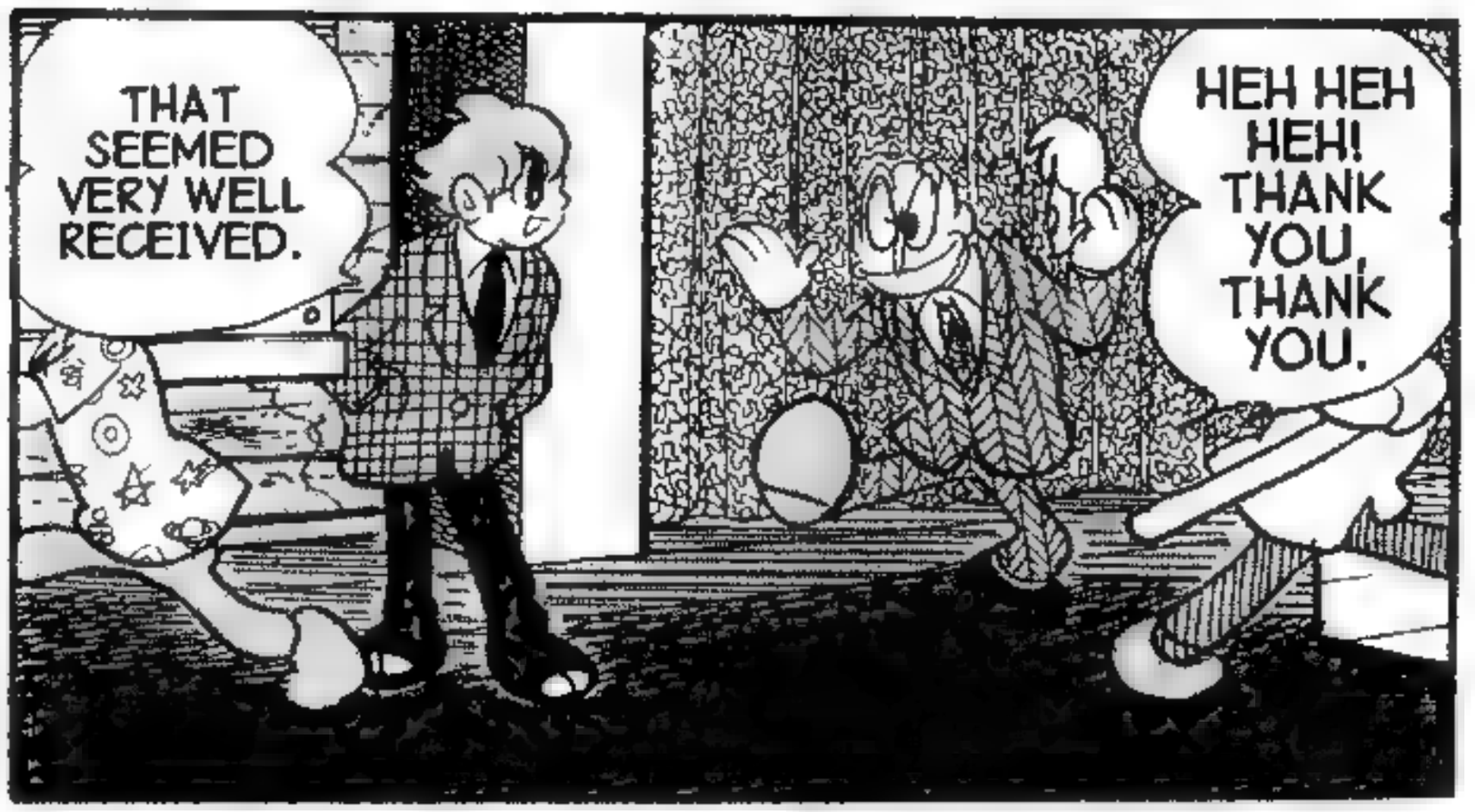

MORE BLOOD ON MY HANDS!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?!!
MY...MY GOD!!


...BUT THE AUDIENCES ARE MORE APPRECIA-TIVE.
WELL, IT ISN'T ALBERT HALL....
FOOP


THAT SEEMED VERY WELL RECEIVED.
HEH HEH HEH! THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

...A DREAM COME TRUE FOR YOU.

SO THIS IS ALL...

WHY, OF COURSE, YOU SEXY MINX.

PLEASE TAKE THESE FLOWERS.

CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTO-GRAPH?

MR. GREAT BRITAIN! IT'S YOU!

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, THE SPECIAL EFFECTS WOULD MAKE RAY HARRYHAUSEN BLUSH.

DON'T YOU KNOW, LAD? AGE BRINGS EXPERI-ENCE...

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? IS THAT A CRACK AT MY AGE?!

WHA...?!

SO WHEN DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BURN OUT?

YEP, YOU COULD SAY THAT. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, "THE STAR THAT BURNS BRIGHTEST..."

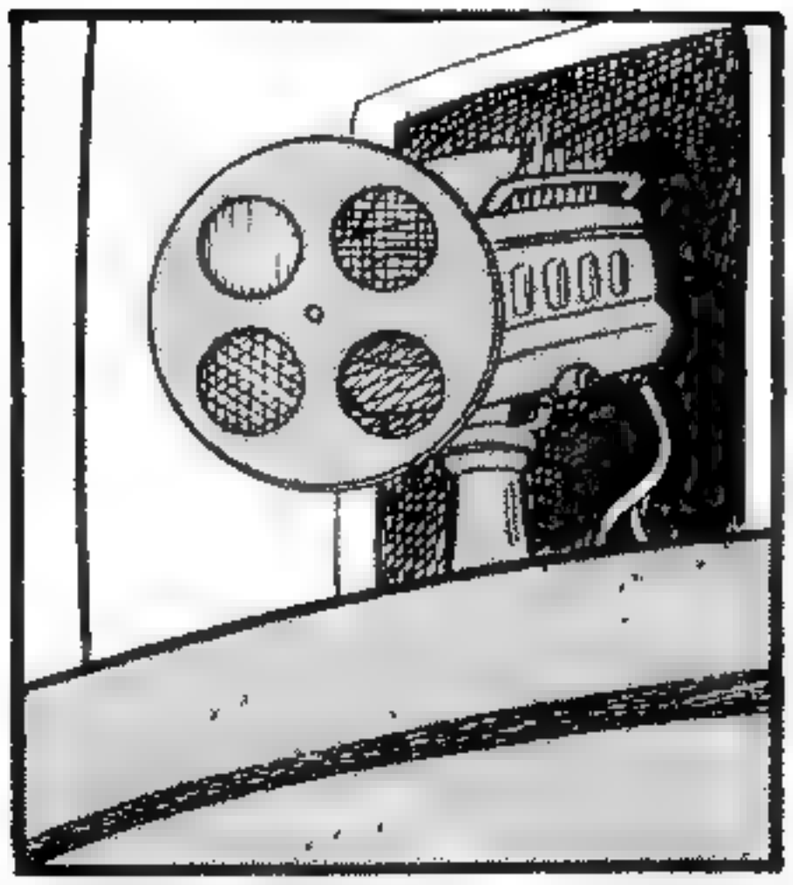
NOW THAT I HAVE YOU, I'M HEADED OFF TO FRANCE AND THEN THE UNITED STATES.

004 WENT TO CHINA TO FIND 006.

AND EXPERIENCE BRINGS SKILL! AWW, DAMMIT! ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO WITH YOU!

MAKES JOLLY GOOD SENSE TO ME.

BUT TO SAVE TIME, WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE U.S.?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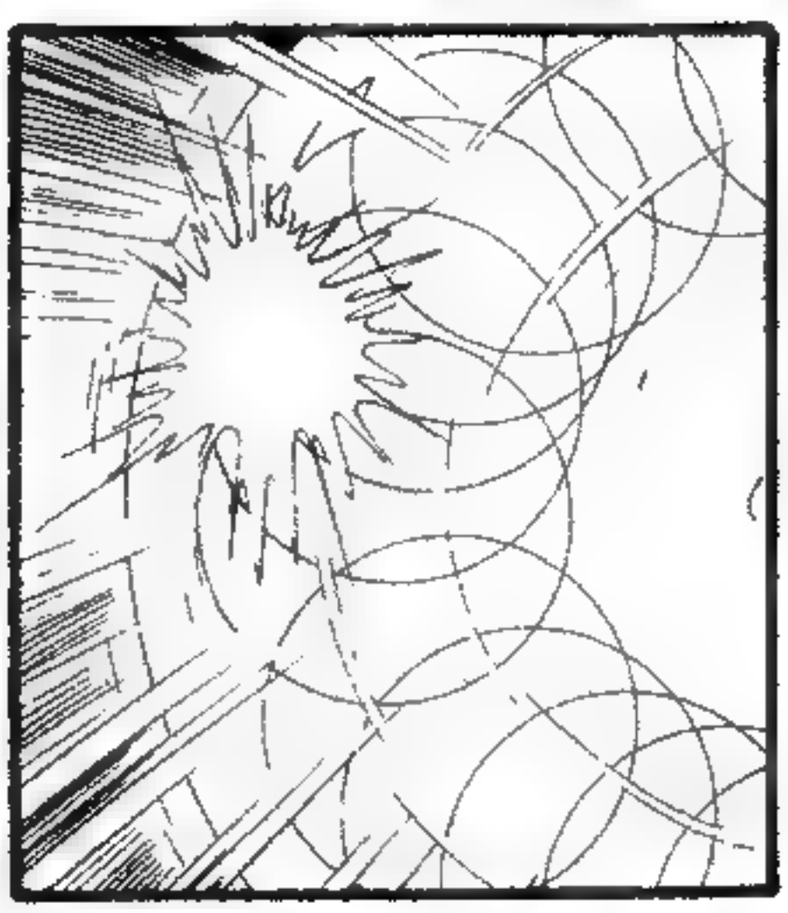

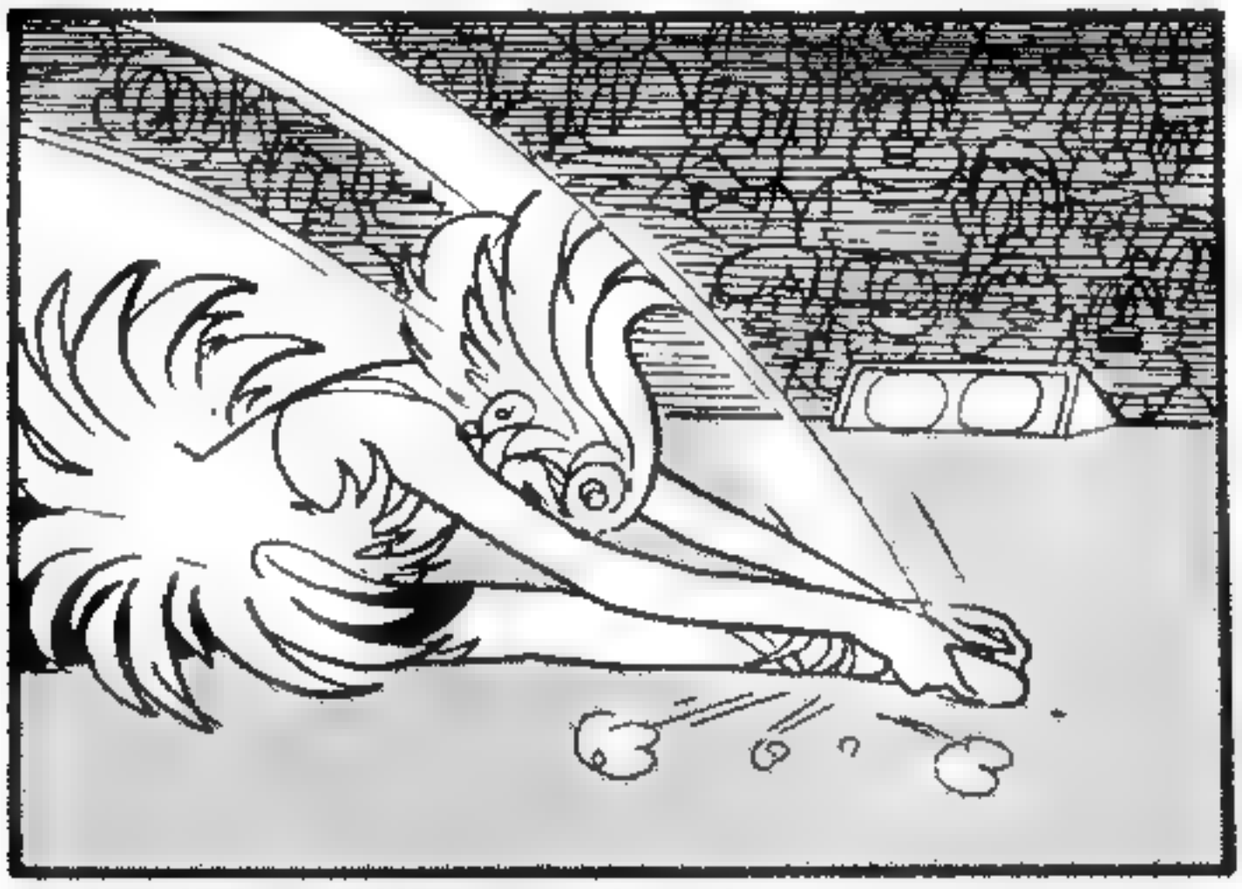

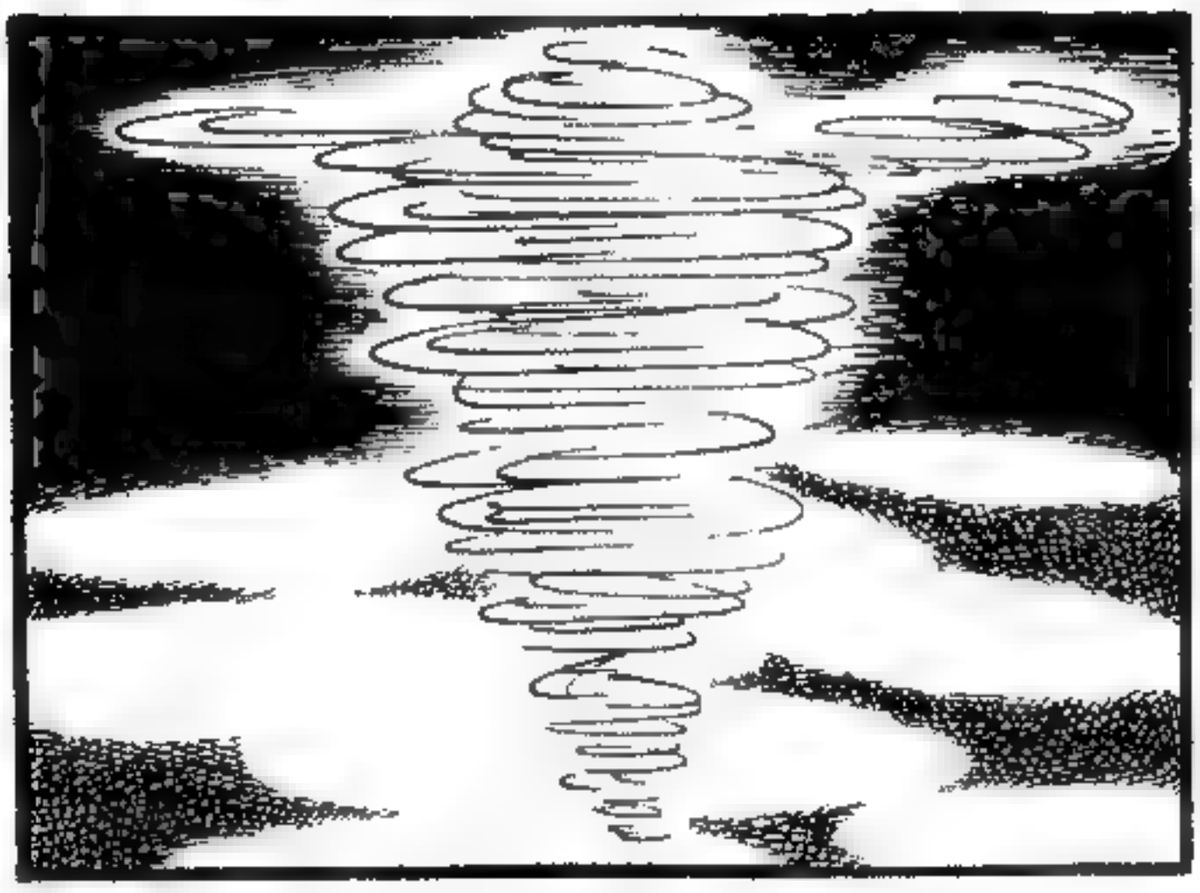

I NOW USE MY SKILLS FOR GRACE AND BEAUTY. I HAVE NO ROOM FOR VIOLENCE IN MY LIFE!

I MEAN, DIDN'T YOU SEE MY PERFORMANCE?! I'VE MADE IT TO THE PARIS BALLET!

I'VE LEFT THAT LIFE BEHIND ME!

NO WAY!

NO!

COME ON, JOE!

WHAT I'M ASKING, 003, I WOULD NEVER ASK IF I THOUGHT THAT WAS ANY OTHER WAY.

AND THAT IS WHAT I EXPECTED YOU TO SAY. BUT I ASK YOU TO HEAR ME OUT.

I'LL BE BACK SOON TO SEE YOU DANCE AGAIN.

YOU WERE BORN TO DANCE ON THAT STAGE.

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S UNFAIR OF ME TO TRY TO DRAG YOU BACK IN.

GOODBYE 003. GOOD LUCK.

. . . . . .

W-WAIT, JOE!

JOE!

WAAA

WAAA

WAAA

WAAA

WAAA

WAAA

WAAA

WAAA

WAAA

3

OF COURSE, THIS ISN'T REALLY FOOTBALL!

WHAT?

NICE CHARGE, 002.

WAAA WAAA WAAA

ZZZZ ZZZZ ZZZZ ZZZZ ZZZZ

OOPS.

HO, BOY.

WAHOO

WAHOO

WAHOO

HOW'S IT GOING, 005?

HEY THERE, COWBOY!

NOW...

ONCE 009 AND 008 ARRIVE...

...WE'LL HAVE THE ENTIRE TEAM RE-ASSEMBLED!

.....

IT'S NOT SO FUN WHEN YOU'RE THE HUNTED ONE, IS IT?

YOU POACHERS CAN'T HIDE FOREVER!

COME OUT!

SPLISH

SPLASH

WHERE ARE YOU?

008!

GAMESKEEPER... OR SHOULD I SAY, CYBORG 008!

HU HU HU. DID YOU CALL ME?

WHAT?

008? HELLO?

AH!

I ASKED A GUY AT THE VILLAGE AND HE SAID YOU'D BE...!

008!

FOOOOO

SPLASH

DAMN.

SPLASH

!

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

FOOOOOO

SPA—WIP

FOOO

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

SPLISH

FWISH

SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH

SPLISH

WAH!

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HISSSS

FWISH

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BA-WHOOM

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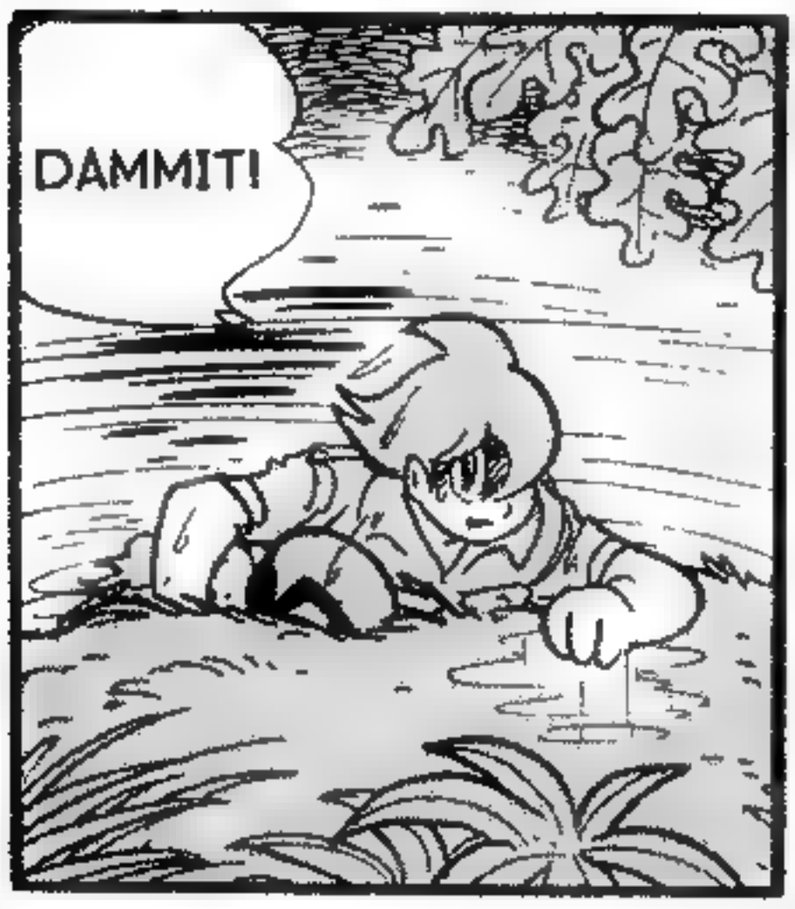
008!

HMPH.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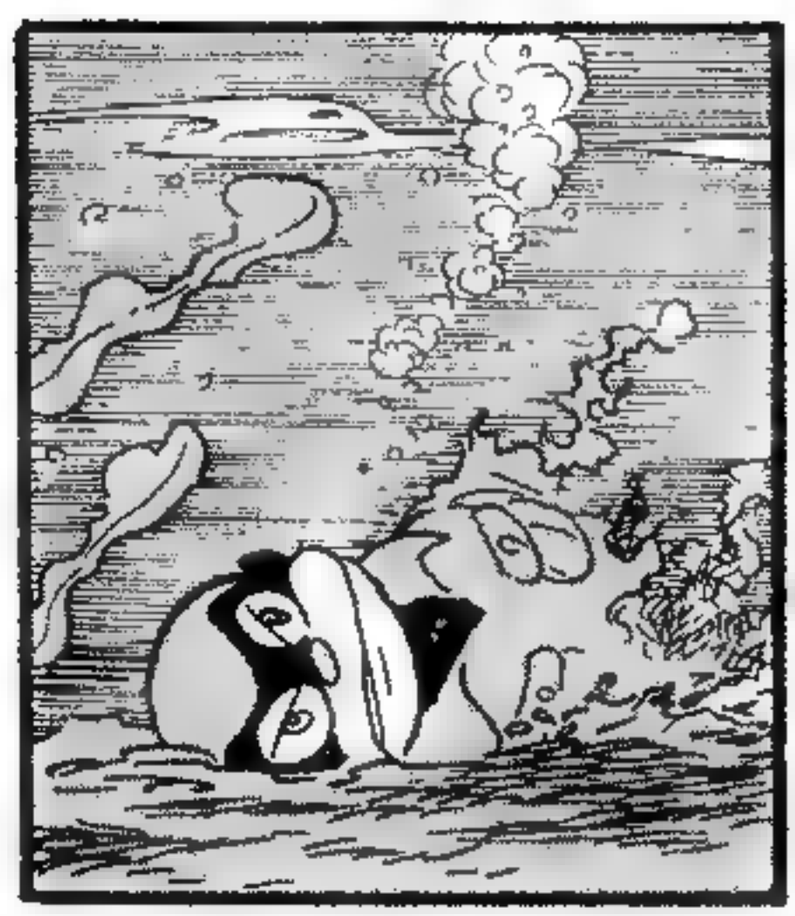
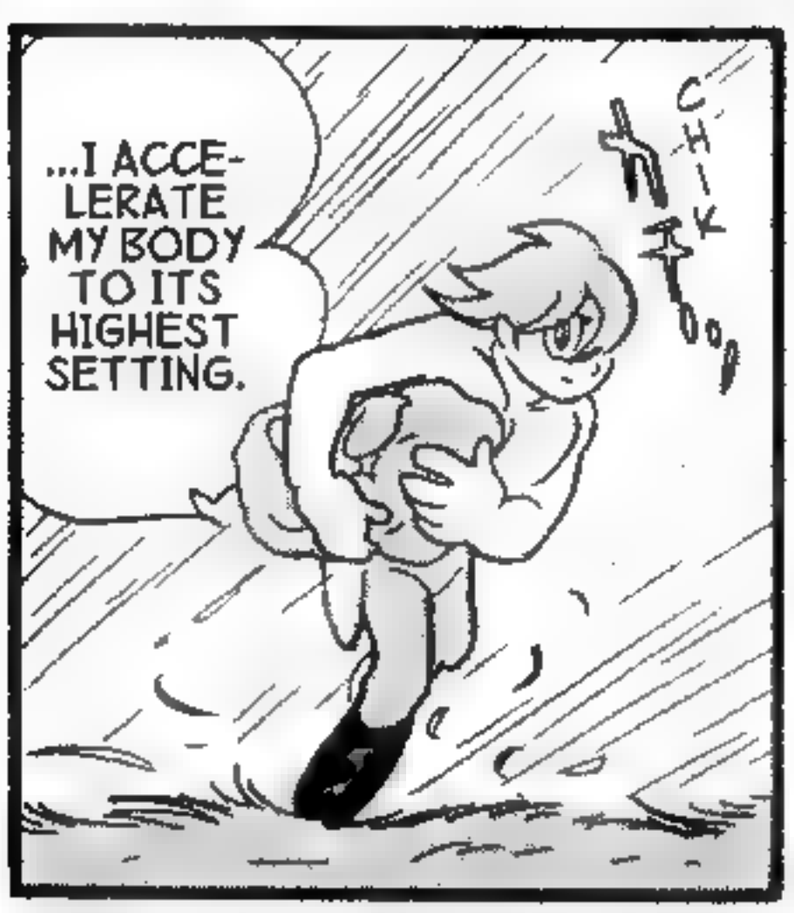
SPLASH

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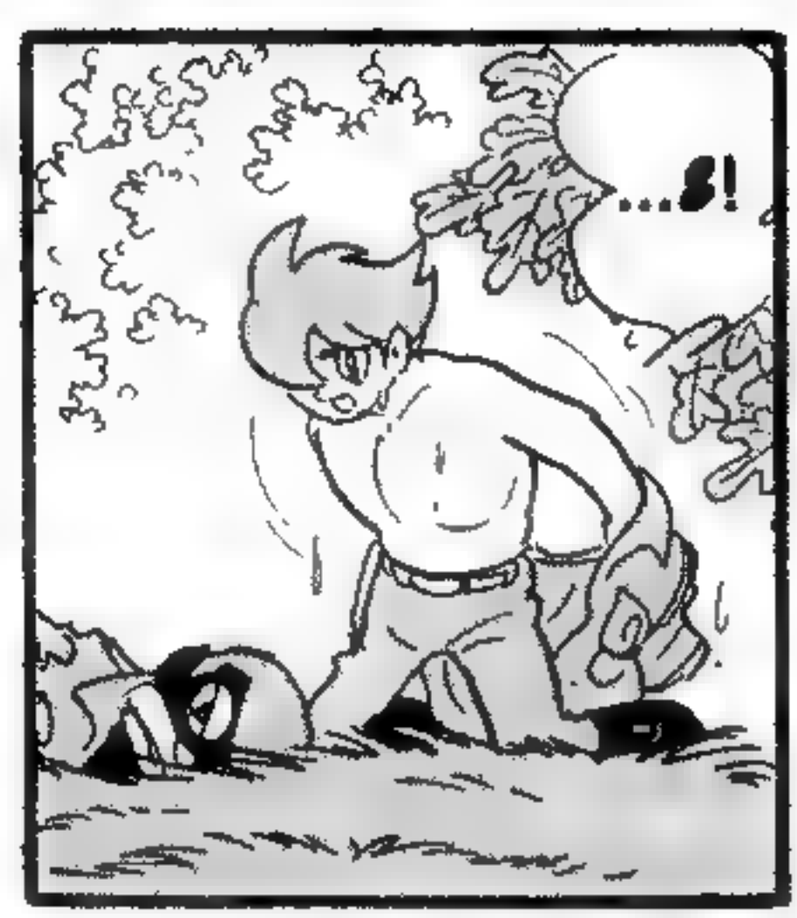
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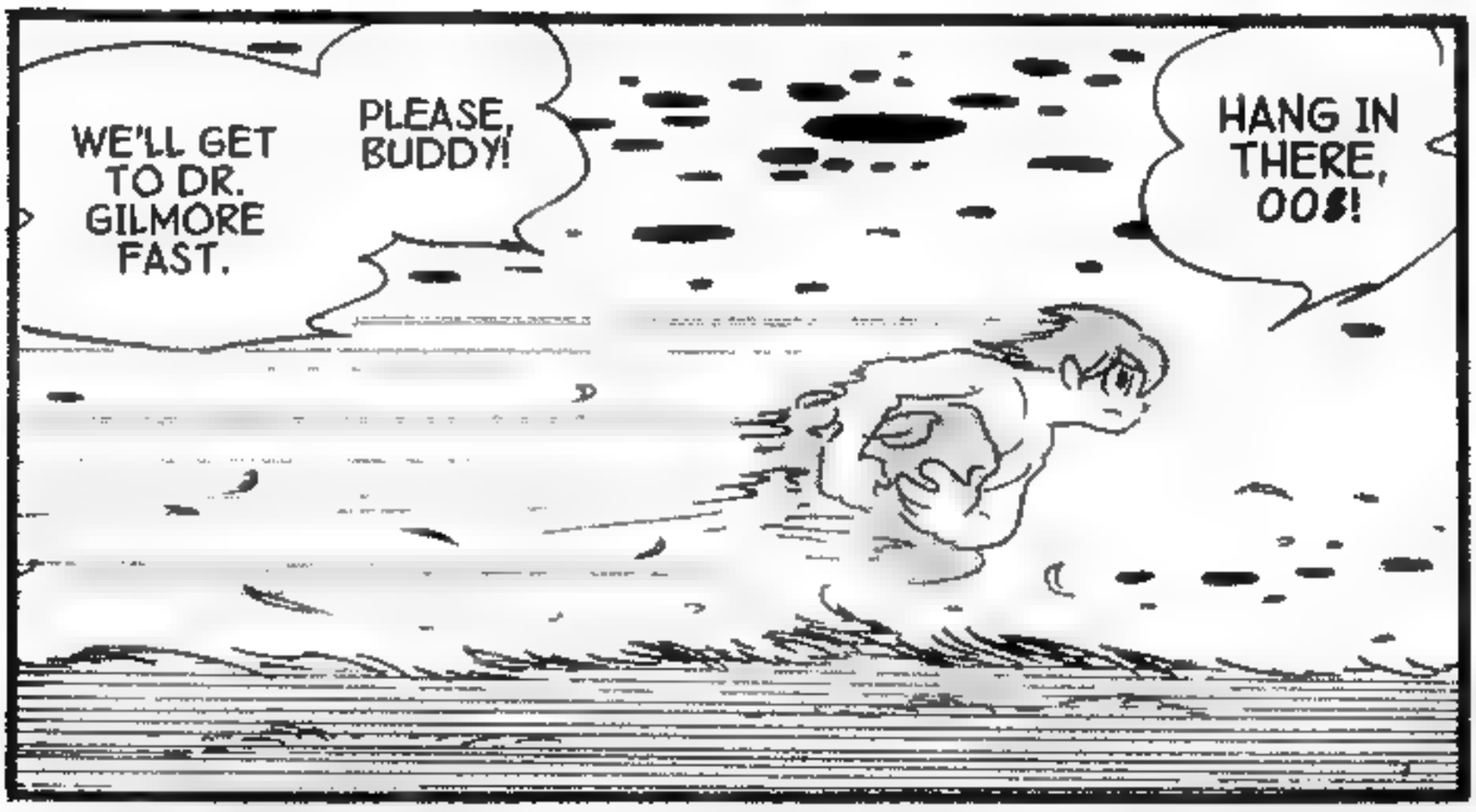
WE'LL GET
TO DR.
GILMORE
FAST.
PLEASE,
BUDDY!
HANG IN
THERE,
008!

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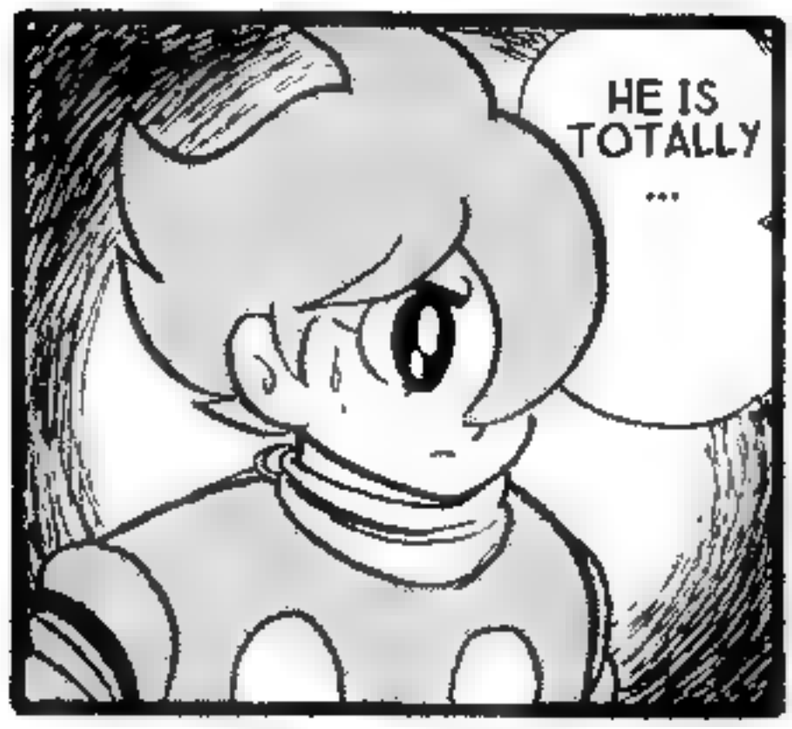

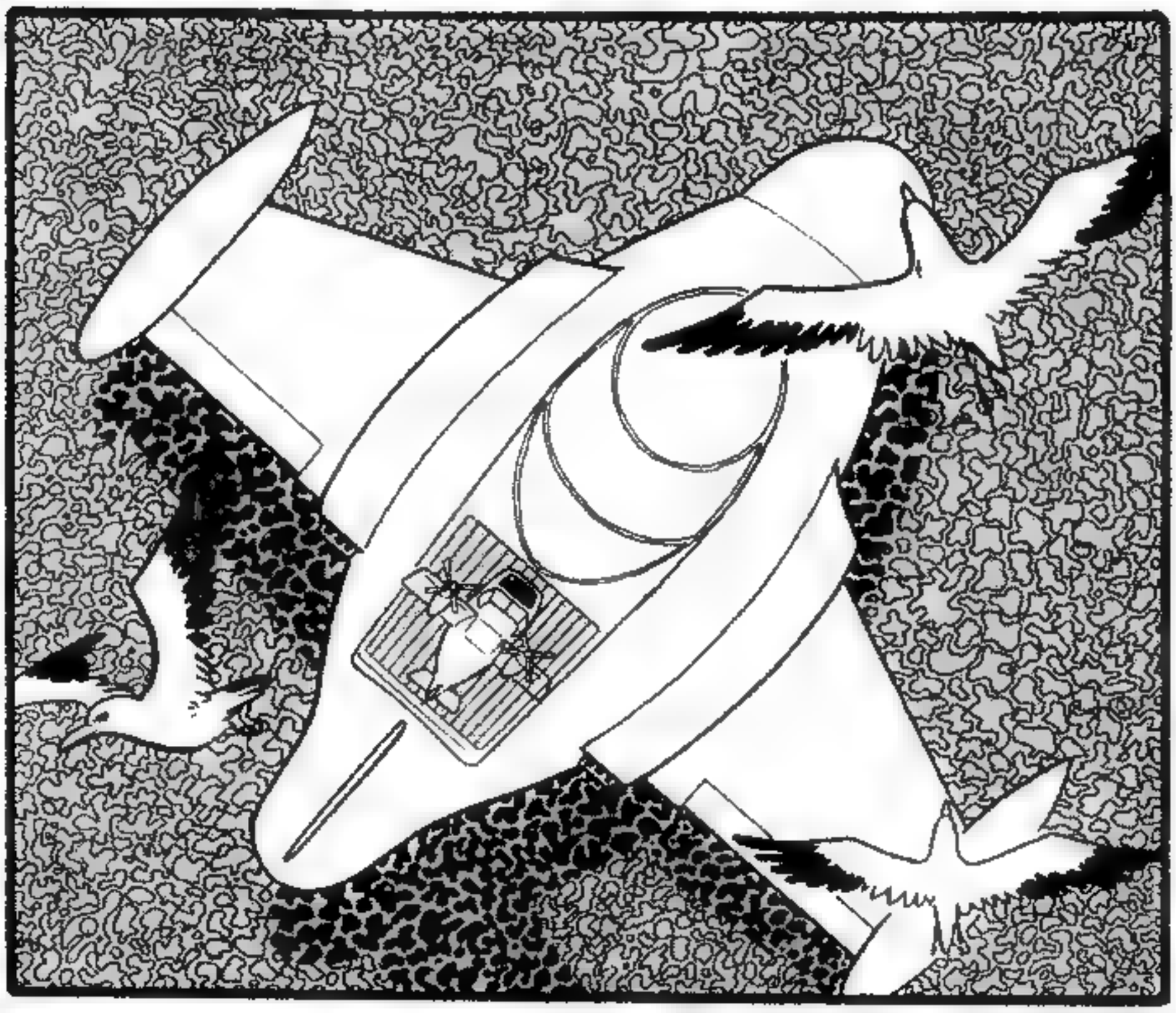

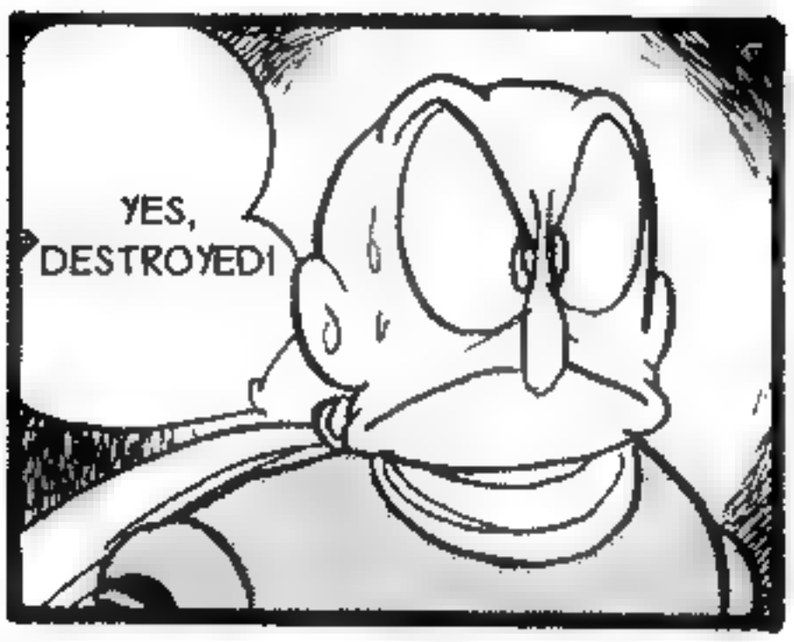

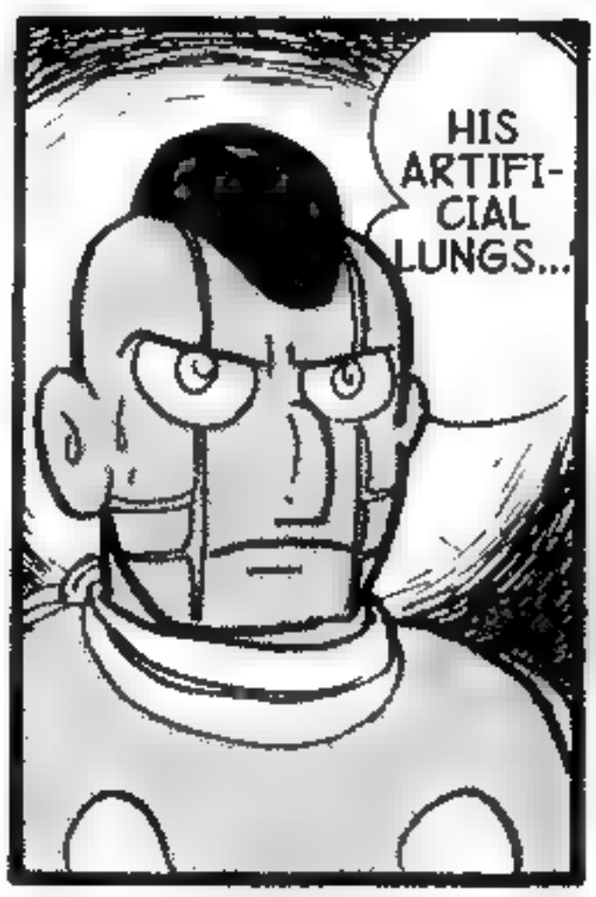

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RECONSTRUCT ROOM

DR. GILMORE WILL HAVE TO HURRY THOUGH.

THERE'S STILL HOPE.

AT LEAST HIS BRAIN LOOKED UNHARMED.

Da da.

RECONSTRU-CTION ROOM

. . . . . .

CRACKLE

HUH?

WHAT THE HELL?! WHO TURNED ON THE TELEVISION AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

BLACK GHOST.

THIS IS BLACK GHOST!

IF I MAY HAVE YOUR ATTENTION!

HA HA HA HA! PEOPLE OF THE WORLD...!

...SERVING THE WILL OF THE BLACK GHOST! HAH HAH HAH!!

YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DELICIOUS LIVES...

...ALL YOU PEOPLE OF EARTH...

AT THAT TIME...

ONE YEAR LEFT TO LIVE, TO ENJOY YOUR LIVES AS YOU KNOW IT, BEFORE BLACK GHOST TAKES CONTROL OF THE PLANET!

...YOU HAVE ONE YEAR LEFT.

ALL WHO ROAM THE EARTH...!

WITNESS ITS DESTRUC-TION!

G FOX CO.,

AS FOR YOU SKEPTICS WHO THINK THIS IS ALL JUST SOME EMPTY RUSE...

...FEAST YOUR EYES ON YOUR TREASURED NEW YORK CITY.

HA
HA
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HA
HA
WAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
THEY JUST DES-TROYED NEW YORK!!
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
CRACKLE
HA
HA
HA
WA
HA
HA
HA
HA
BWA
BWA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
NOW THAT BLACK GHOST HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ITS EVIL INTENTIONS, WE CAN KISS COVERT COMBAT SITUATIONS GOODBYE.
BLACK GHOST HAS TAKEN OVER THE BROADCAST SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD!
THE TRANS-MISSION WAS BEAMED IN FROM A GLOBAL COMMUNICA-TIONS SATELLITE!
TH-THE BROADCAST YOU JUST HEARD...HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE BBD TELEVISION NETWORK.

IT'S A WEAPON THEY'VE BEEN DEVELOPING SINCE BEFORE THE CYBORG PROGRAM.

ULTRA-SONIC WAVES!

BUT...HOW DID THEY TOPPLE THOSE BUILDINGS SO EASILY?

...IS NOTHING BUT ANOTHER STUPID BLACK GHOST CONTRAP-TION!

YEAH. AND, JUST AS I SUSPECTED, THAT STRANGE FLYING DINOSAUR...

...AND BREAK INTO ITS COMPONENT ELEMENTS. WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY, THEY'VE CREATED A GUN CALLED THE PHONEMAZER.

...THAT THEY FORCE THE MOLECULAR INTEGRITY OF ANY OBJECT TO DISSIPATE...

I'M SURE THE PTERODACTYL IS EQUIPPED WITH SOME VARIATION OF THE PHONEMAZER.

...THE VICTIMS WILL NEVER HEAR WHAT HIT THEM. THE WAVES ARE SO EXTREME...

THE ONLY DIFFER-ENCE IS...

...BUT ARE EVERY BIT AS DESTRUCTIVE AS HIGH POWERED EXPLOSIVES.

THESE WAVES ARE TOO HIGH TO BE HEARD BY THE NORMAL HUMAN EAR...

I LEFT MY LOVELY LIFE AT THE RESTAURANT TO GO ON THIS SUICIDE MISSION?!

YEAH. AND WHAT'S STOPPING THIS CANON FROM CRUMBLING US TO BITS?

HOW DO YOU FIGHT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SEE OR HEAR?

WHAT GOOD ARE WE AGAINST ULTRASO-NIC WAVES?

YEESH! ULTRASO-NIC WAVES?

CHAK

WHAT?

WE'LL STOP THEIR RIDICULOUS WAR AND LIVE IN PEACE.

IF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD FIGHT TOO, THEN OUR POWER WILL BE UNITED!

WOULD YOU RATHER SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR BLACK GHOST TO HAVE HIS WAY?

LISTEN TO YOURSELF, MAN!

UNTIL THEN, WE JUST NEED TO LET HIM REST.

I'LL KNOW MORE IN A FEW DAYS.

I CAN'T SAY AS OF YET.

HOW IS 008?

I'M DONE.

N-NO! I SWEAR, IT WASN'T ME!

YOU! I BET YOU TURNED THE TELEVISION ON EARLIER!

IS?

GASP

HOW'S EVERYTHING IN HERE? WHY THE LONG FACES?

004!

PLEASE! STOP! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE DIDN'T MISS THAT BROADCAST!

LIES! I'LL BET ANYTHING YOU TURNED THE TV ON WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKING.

CHAK

CHAK

EXIT

IF THE TEST IS CLEAR, I'LL BELIEVE HER.

KEEP QUIET, 009! YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS ONE.

AH! THE SALEM WITCH TRIAL... THERE'S ONLY THIRTY MINUTES WORTH OF OXYGEN IN THE TANK.

WHAT THE HELL KIND OF TEST IS THAT?!

IF SHE FLOATS WHEN IT RUNS OUT, THEN SHE'S NOT A CYBORG, AS WE SUSPECTED.

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WE AREN'T GOING TO BE ALONE DOWN HERE FOR LONG...

SOME-THING'S APPROA-CHING.

WHAT IS IT 003?

WHAT'S WRONG?

AH!

WE HAVE TO GET OUTTA HERE!

IN A FEW SECONDS, THEY'LL HAVE US SURROUN-DED!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? COME BACK!

004!

MISSILE SHARKS!

. . . . . .

THIS JUST ADDS TO THE TEST.

NOT SO FAST, JOE.

HMPH.

THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER!

IDIOT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, 009?

DASH

.....

THEY'RE ALMOST ON TOP OF US!

PSSSSH

FF

CREAK

004!

009!

WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO DO THIS?

I'M SERIOUS.

GET AWAY FROM HER, 009!

...WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TORTURE THE TRUTH OUT OF HER!

IF SHE'S AN ENEMY SPY OR THE SINCEREST ALLY...

YOU HAVE NEVER KNOWN ME TO BE UNFAIR OR CRUEL. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.

JOE, I FOUGHT ALONGSIDE OF YOU FOR MANY YEARS...SAVED YOUR LIFE COUNTLESS TIMES...

THE ENTIRE WORLD IS AT STAKE. WE HAVE TO USE EVERY TACTIC AT OUR DISPOSAL TO SEE THAT OUR MISSION IS NOT JEAPORDIZED.

OF COURSE WE DO!

WHAT?

I...I CAN'T!

YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS!

IF YOU DON'T END THIS NONSENSE SOON, THE SHARKS WILL END IT FOR ALL OF US!

STOP FIGHTING!

009!

004!

The cyborgs can communicate without speaking, using brain wave transmission devices embedded in their ears that can cover a range of about five kilometers.

HURRY! HEAD FOR THOSE ROCKS!

PSSSH

WHOOOM

WHOOOM

WHOOOM

WHOOOM

BADOOOOM

CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

WHOOOM

OH NO! THE DOLPHIN!

YOU GUYS OKAY?

CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE CRACKLE

WHOOM WHOOM

BETTER THAN EVER, 009.

CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH RETURNING TO US SAFELY.

THEY'LL HAVE TO GET PAST OUR ELECTROMAGNETIC SHIELDS BEFORE THEY CAN DO ANY HARM TO US.

PUSSSH

HUH?

BWOOM

BZZT

DON'T MOVE!

HELEN!

BWOOM

BWOOM

SHUUU

TNNNG

BA

BA

BA

BA

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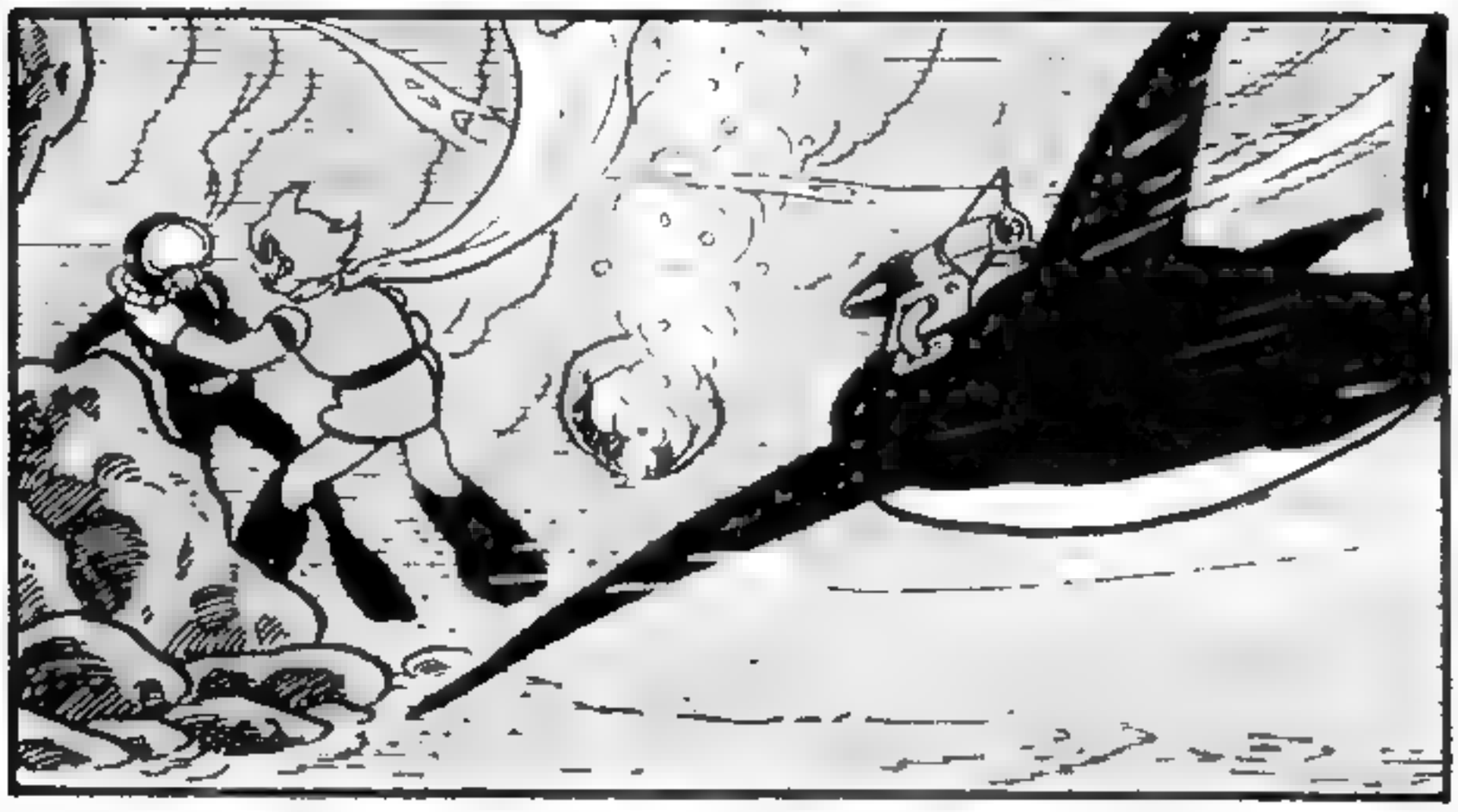
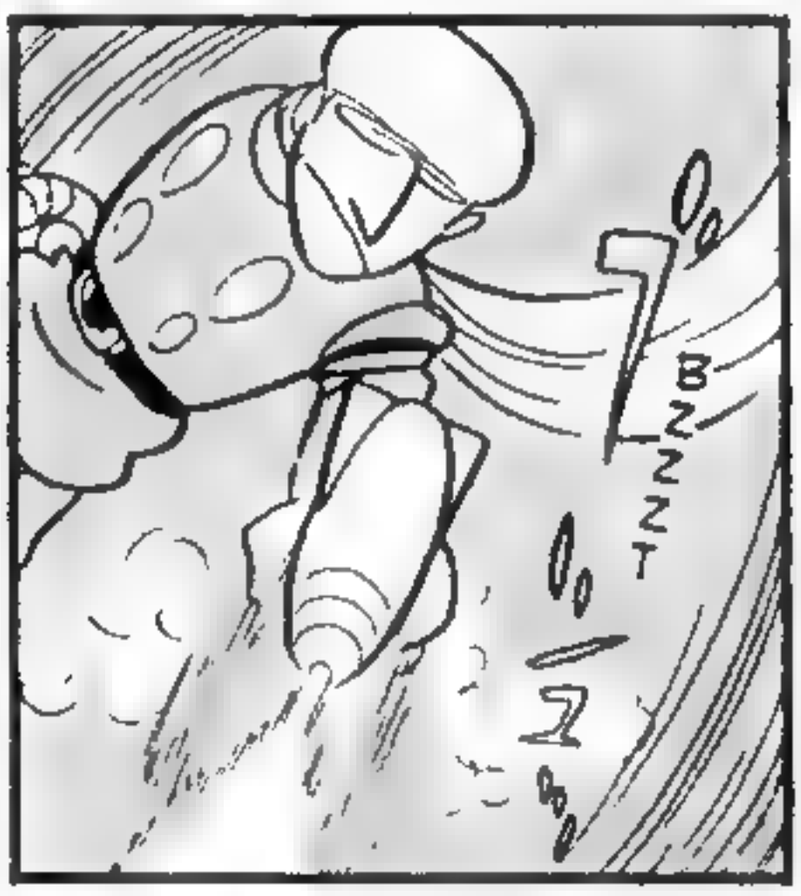
BZZT

OOPS! I ALMOST FORGOT. YOU DON'T HAVE A COMMUNI-CATOR.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I TOLD YOU TO STAY BACK!

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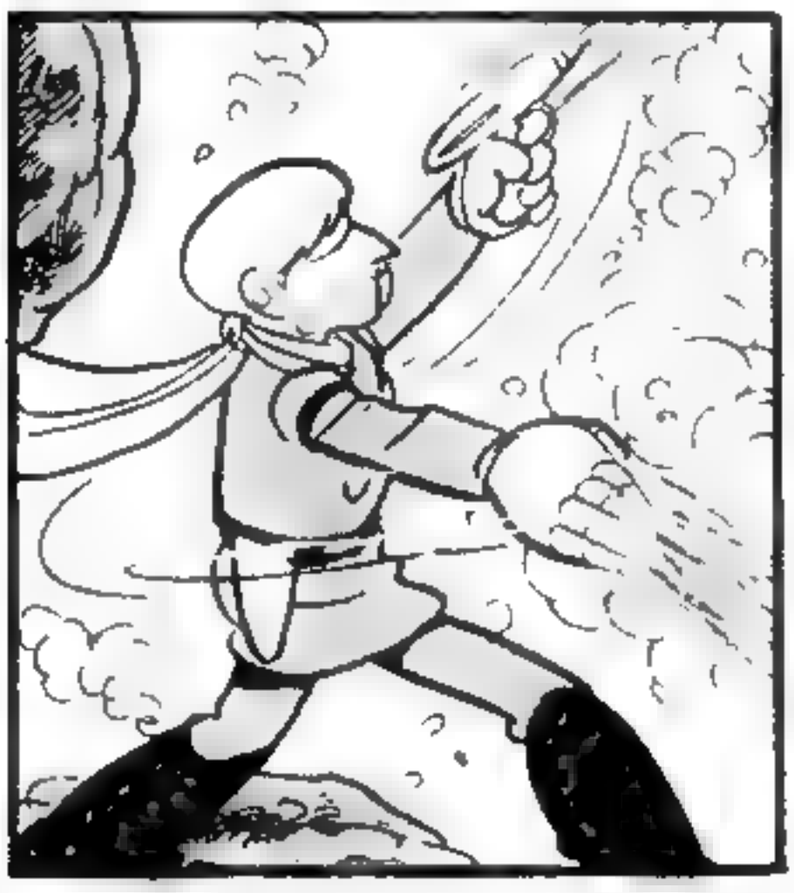

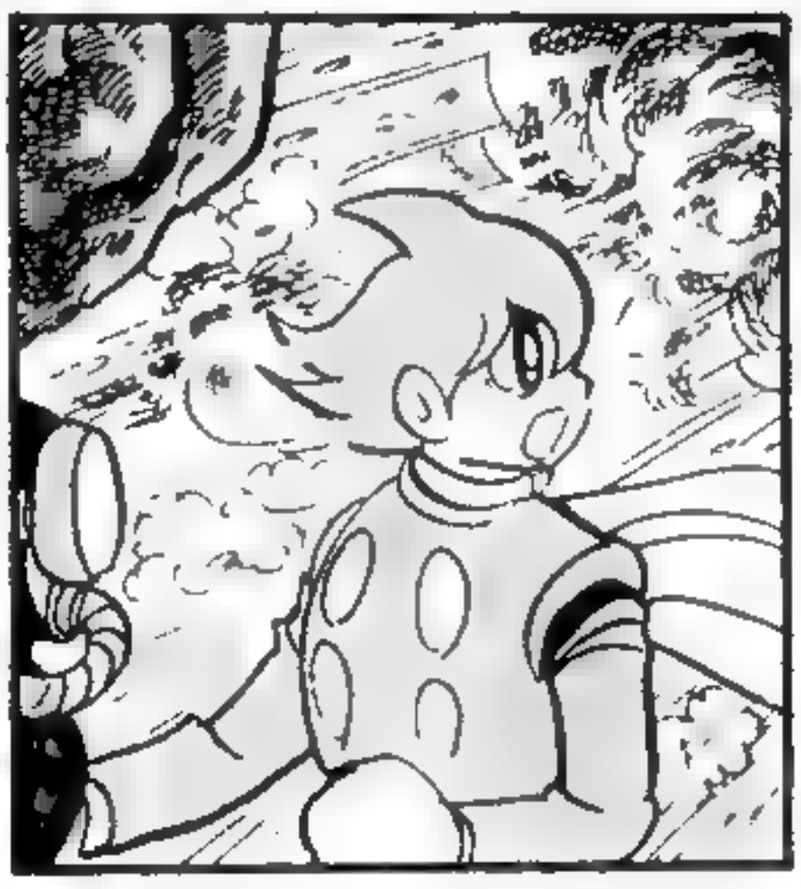

Black Ghost tapped into the shark's killer instinct when developing the Missile Sharks. Its drive to kill is connected to a missile-launching switch.

BZZT

CHAK!

KREE KREE KREE KREE

WEEE-OOO

WEE-OO

HURRY BACK TO THE DOLPHIN!

YOU SURPRISED ME, BUT THE DOLPHIN ALSO HAS MEZAR GUNS ON IT.

003 SAYS THERE'S ANOTHER SHAPE APPROACHING.

HELEN!

ALL RIGHT, HELEN! GET IN THERE!

OH NO! SHE'S OUT OF OXYGEN!

SHE'S NOT A CYBORG! I KNEW 004 WAS BEING PARANOID! WHY DIDN'T HE BELIEVE ME?

I KNEW IT!

HMPH.

JUST A FEW MINUTES LONGER AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE HER.

THAT'S GOOD.

RELAX, JOE! SHE SHOULD BE FINE. HER VITAL SIGNS ARE NORMAL.

I KNEW SHE WAS HUMAN. WILL SHE BE OKAY, DOC? IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

PLEASE, EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS TO ME.

I HAVE MY REA-SONS.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY WOULD YOU RISK THE LIFE OF AN INNOCENT HUMAN BEING?

SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW DO YOU THINK THOSE SHARKS FOUND US?

BLACK GHOST EMPLOYS ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE AND CREATURES. SHE'S EVERY BIT AS DANGEROUS AS THOSE SHARKS ATTACKING US!

AND JUST BECAUSE SHE'S NOT A CYBORG DOESN'T MEAN SHE DOESN'T WORK FOR BLACK GHOST!

I'M SORRY, BUT I STILL DON'T TRUST HER!

OKAY, WAIT A SECOND!

001?! WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

AND IT'S NOT JUST ME, JOE. ASK 001.

WHO KNOWS WHAT SECRETS SHE'S HIDING?

THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING ALERTING BLACK GHOST OF OUR LOCATION.

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SHE'S CARRYING SOME KIND OF TRACKING DEVICE ON HER.

003 IS TROUBLED BECAUSE HELEN IS A WOMAN.

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YOU TOO, 003?!

009, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE STICKING UP FOR HELEN SO ADAMANTLY.

WHAT'S TROUBLING ME IS THAT WHEN I TRY TO READ HELEN...

...I CAN'T REGISTER ANY-THING.

I CAN READ YOUR FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS LIKE AN OPEN BOOK.

AS FOR YOU, 009, YOU DEFEND HELEN BECAUSE YOU CARE ABOUT HER.

001!

CAN'T YOU TELL SHE LOVES YOU?

WAIT! I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING FAINT...

UUH, UUUHH...

LIKE THE BURDEN OF A HEAVY HEART...

IT'S GRIEF... I SENSE INTENSE GRIEF.

NO. IT'S THE NEWS!

IS THAT MONSTER BACK?

HEY GUYS! LOOK!

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.AS A POSS'BLE DEFENSE AGAINST THE RECENT RASH OF ATTACKS BY THE BLACK GHOST BUILT TERROR MACHINE

JAPANESE COM-PANY MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING HAS DEVELOPED AN ANT-ULTRASONIC WAVE GUN

THIS JUST IN...

THEY'VE BEEN REPORTING ON A WEAPON DESIGNED TO TAKE OUT THAT MONSTER.

HMM, SHOULDN'T WE ASK HELEN FIRST?

LET'S GO TO JAPAN!

THE PROJECT WAS RUSHED INTO DEVELOPMENT AFTER THE LATEST ATTACK DESTROYED NEW YORK CITY.

READY WHEN YOU ARE.

I'M WITH YOU, 009!

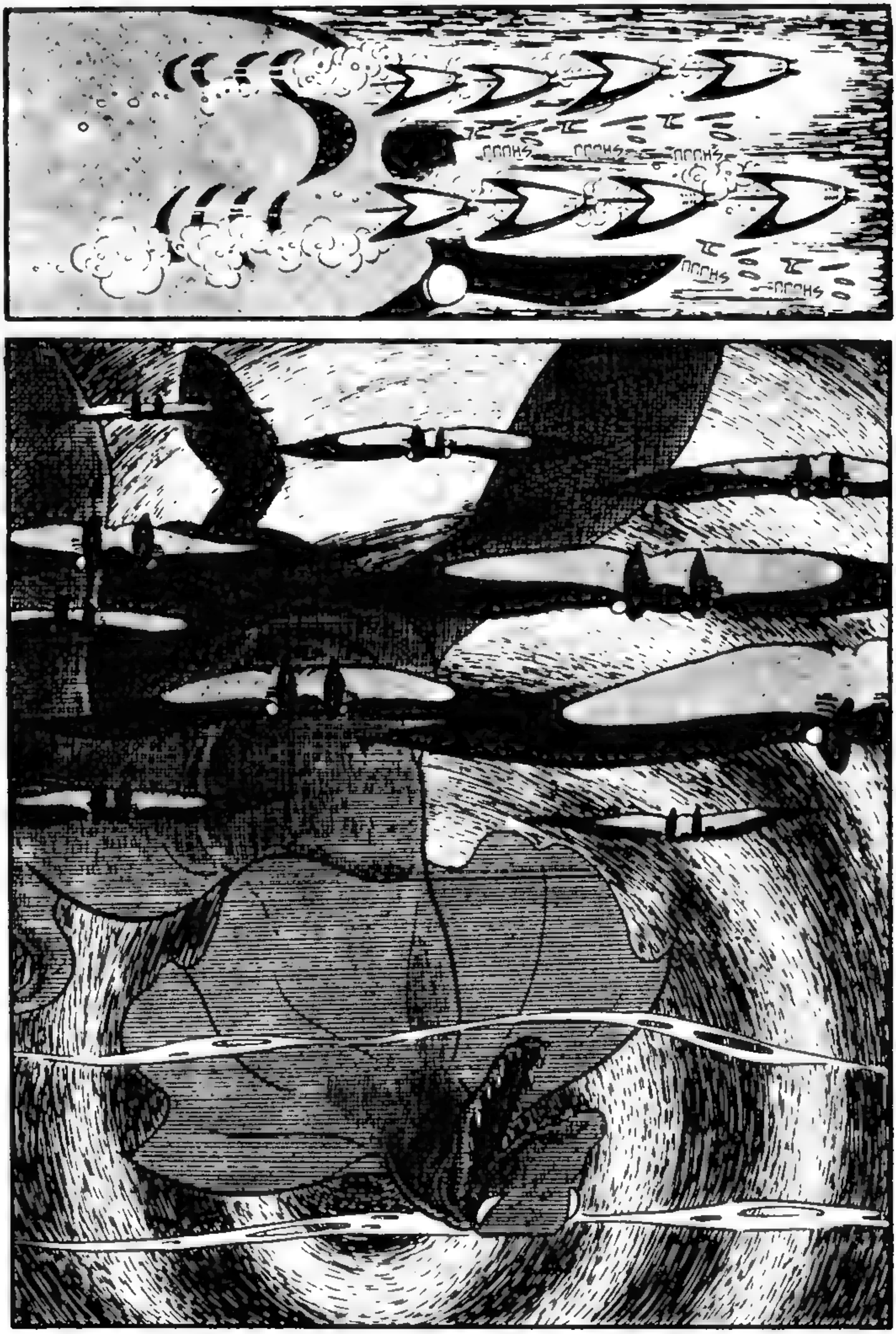
WE SHOULD GET GOING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, 004!

EASY, JOE. JUST KIDDING! MAN, DID YOU BECOME SENSITIVE!

NOT SO FAST. THERE ARE ENEMIES APPROACHING.

THIS TIME IT'S...



KEEEEE

SHUUU

SHUUU

SHUUU

KLANK

KLANK

BA

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KRIK

KRIK KRIK KRIK

THE SHIP'S CRACKING UP!

THEY'VE PENETRATED THE HULL!

OUR SHIELDS ARE DOWN!

OH NO!

INITIATING ULTRA-SONIC WAVE DISCHARGE!

START THE ENGINES! FULL SPEED AHEAD!

SHUUU

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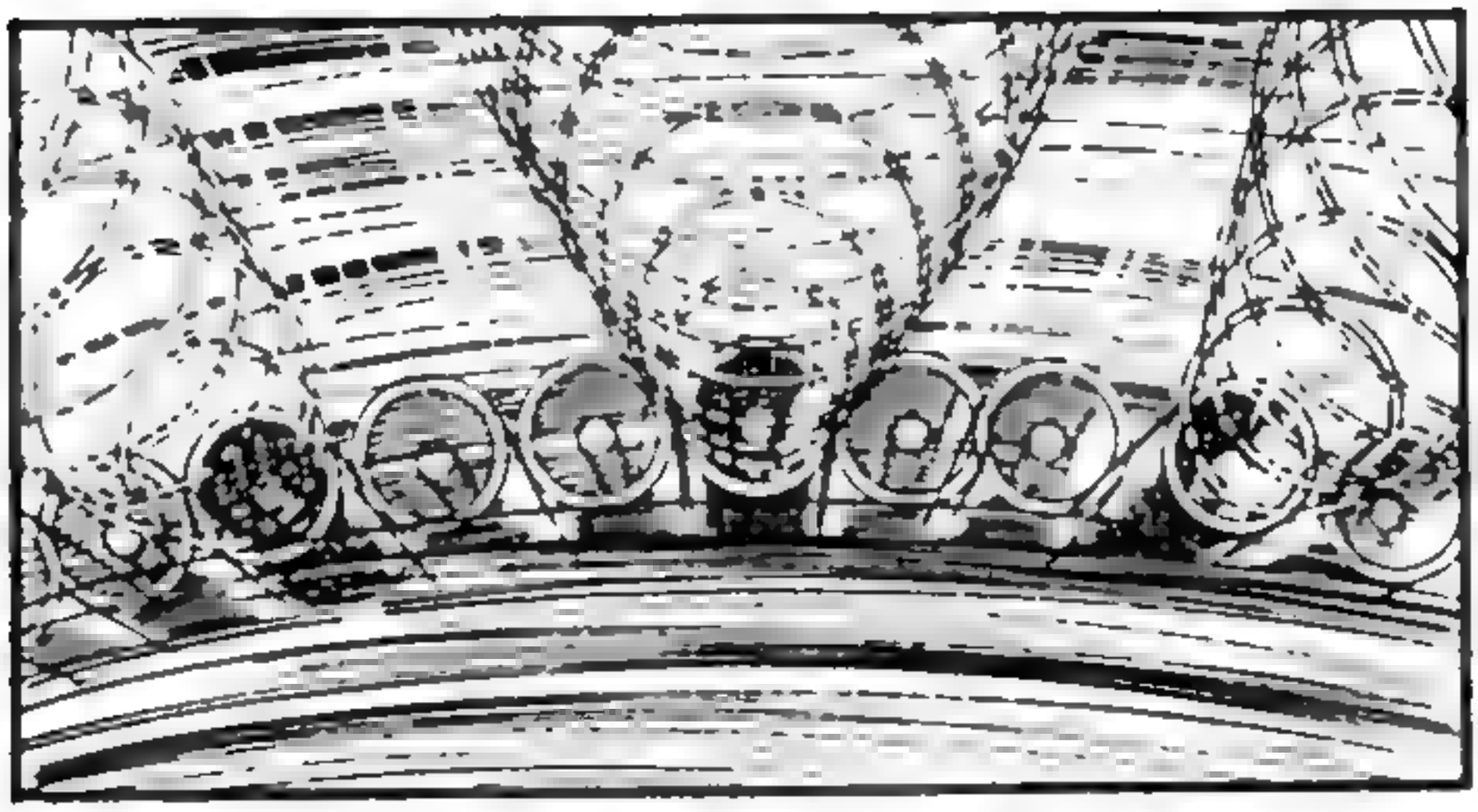
KLANK

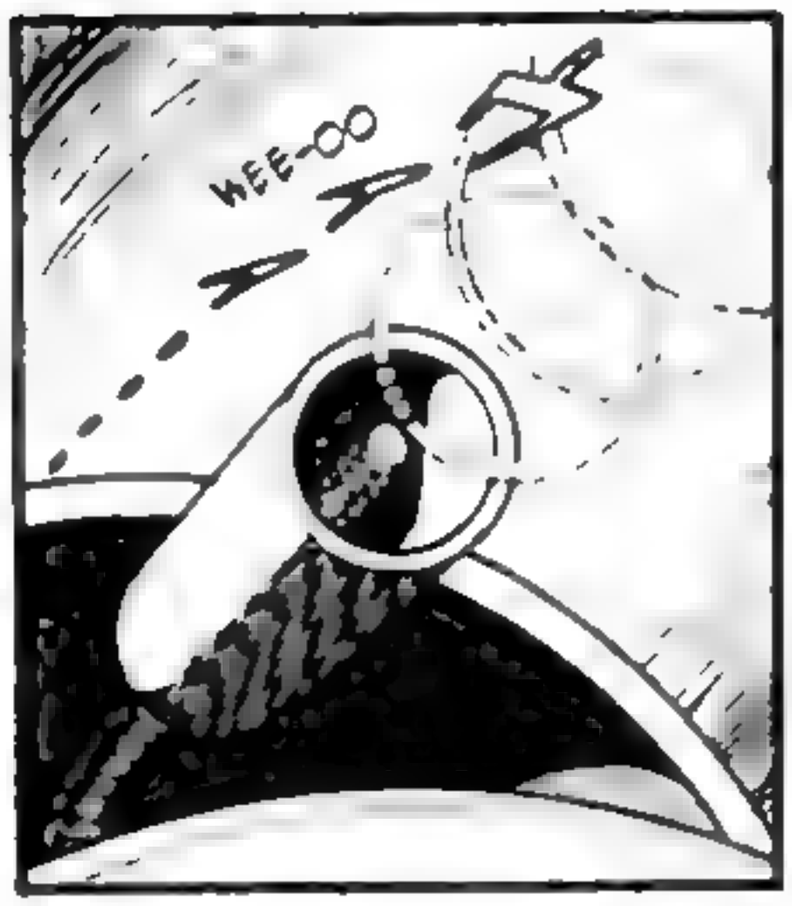
KLANK

NOANNN

START ROTATING!

ULTRA-SONIC WAVE DISCHARGE INITIATED!

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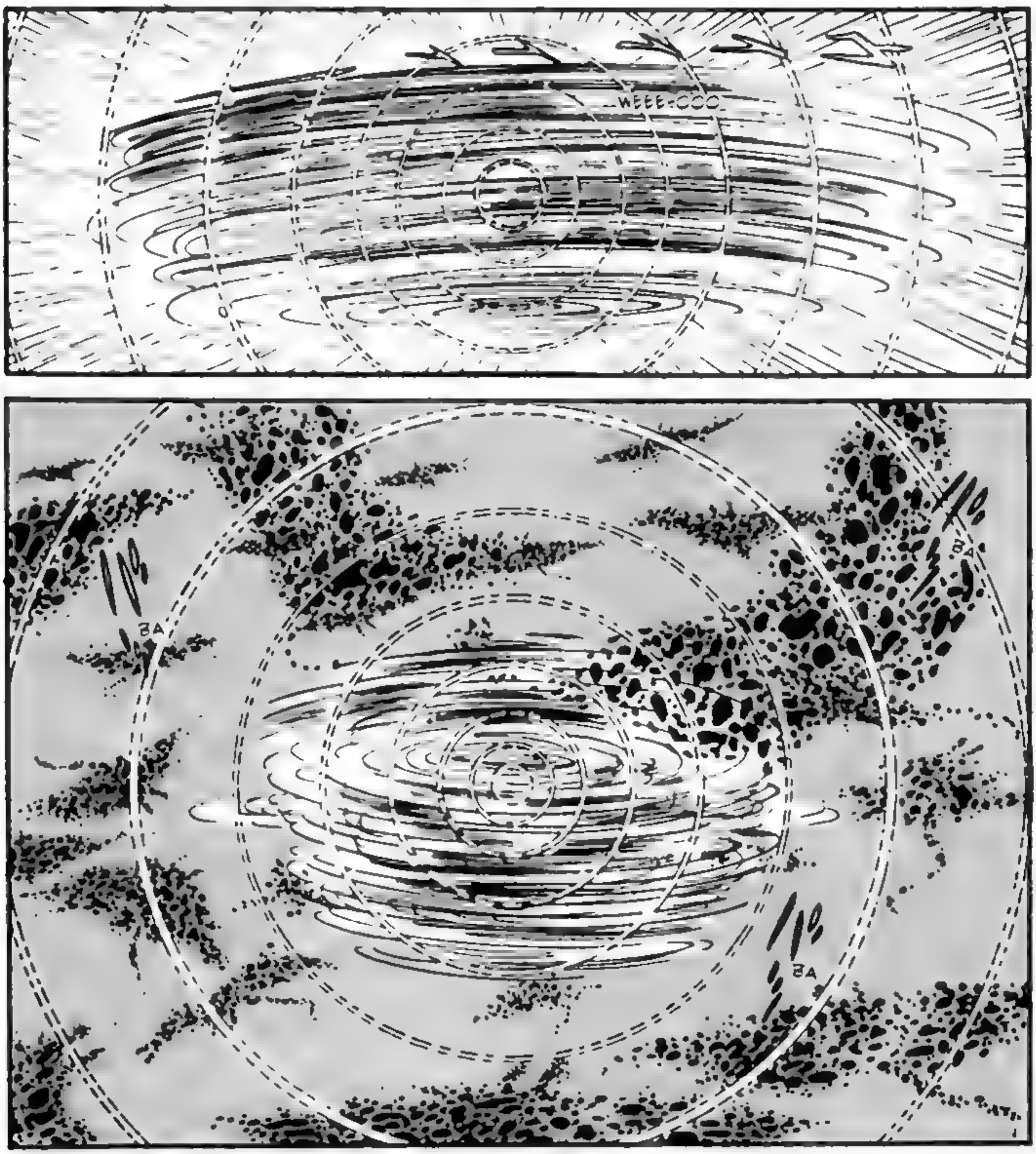
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...YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU DE-SERVE...

...YOU...

...YOU...

...YOU...

HEH...

HEY, WHERE'S MY TRANS-FORMATION SWITCH?

...ONCE I CAN STAND UP STRAIGHT AGAIN.

LOOK OVER THERE.

NO, NOT AT ALL!

THE ULTRA-SONIC WAVE IS TEARING OUR OWN SHIP APART!!

...NNN...

...II...

...II...

AH...

THIS ONE APPEARS TO BE FASHIONED AFTER A GILA MONSTER...

ANOTHER BLACK GHOST BEAST!

HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

HE BLEW OFF OUR ULTRA-SONIC WAVE WING!

BOING

BOING

DID WE...

...WIN?

SWISH

WE...

...MADE IT.

WE HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HIM! NOW!

CHAK

KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK

AAAH

...THE SHIP'S FRAME IS FULL OF CRACKS!

B- BUT...

DON'T WORRY. SHE'LL HOLD TOGETHER.

GEEEEE

...WAVE...
...SONIC...
AN...
MONSTER.
...ULTRA...

THAT MONSTER CAN PRODUCE ULTRASONIC WAVES TOO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

EXACTLY.

WAH!

STRAIGHT FOR HIM!

WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?

009! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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KASH

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GYOOO

IT SPINS TOO QUICKLY TO HIT!

I-I- IT'S NO GOOD.

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YANK

DAMN!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, DOC! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!!

DON'T DO IT 009!

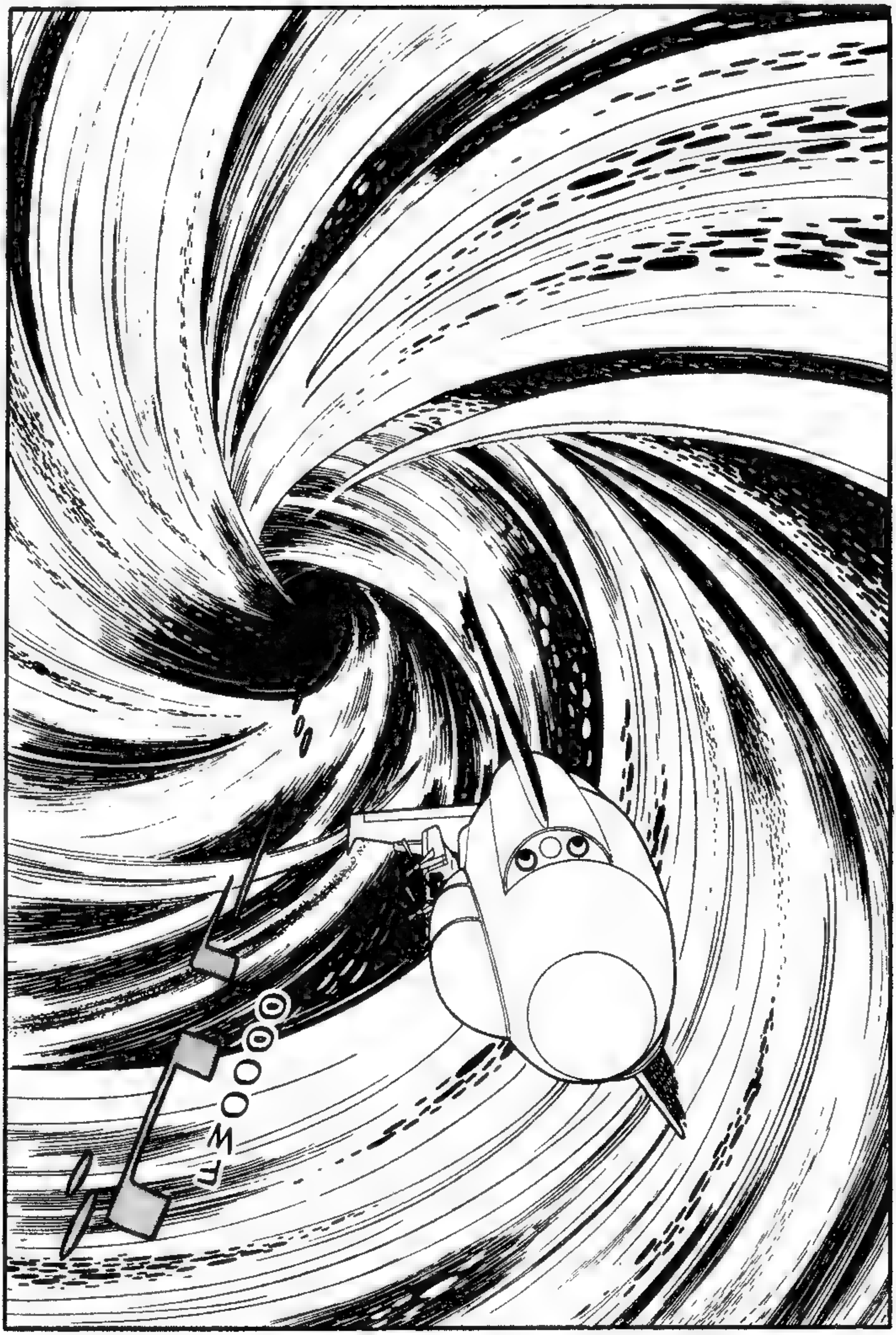
WEE-OO

...HEAD ON WITH OUR OWN, HOPING THEY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT!

OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO COUNTERACT THIS CREATURE'S ULTRASONIC WAVES...

WEEE-OOO

GEEEEEEEEEEE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...GOING ON?

RUMBLE

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WHAT'S...

IT'S A WHIRL-WIND!

PERHAPS ...

IT SAVED OUR LIVES!

LUCKILY, IT GAVE US AN AMAZING SURGE IN POWER AND PROPELLED US OUT OF THE WATER.

A WHIRLWIND. WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT BEFORE?

...A VACUUM DUE TO...

...A CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

...MOLECULAR DISPERSAL CREATED...

THE WATER'S ...

009!

WHO CARES? WE'RE ALIVE! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS, EH?

WHAT ABOUT THAT CREATURE? IS HE STILL DOWN THERE?

WE WERE SAVED BY COINCI-DENCE!

...EXACTLY WHERE THE DOLPHIN HAPPENED TO BE.

...THE EYE OF THE WHIRLWIND WAS...

HAVE YOU SEEN THE DOLPHIN?

YOU SAVED US?!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT? I SAVED US!!

RISK YOUR OWN LIFE IF YOU WANT, BUT DON'T PUT MINE ON THE LINE!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

PUSH

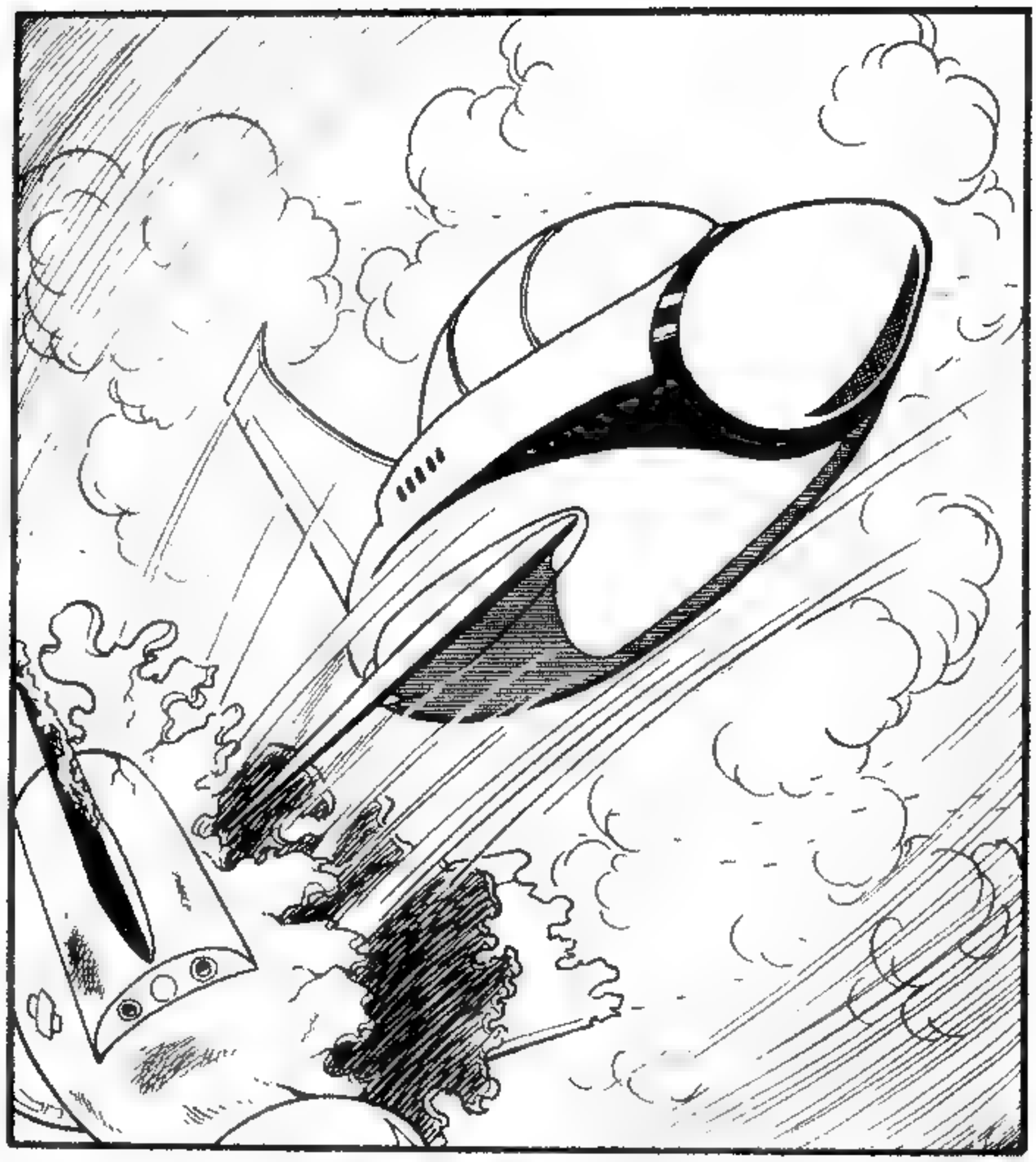
?

LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING? HEH. WATCH THIS...

JUST LIKE A SNAKE SHEDDING ITS SKIN.

WILL YA LOOK AT THAT?

THIS LITTLE CRAFT IS BUILT FOR COMBAT. THAT'S WHY WE DESIGNED IT WITH TWO EXTERIOR STRUCTURES.



ONCE THE BATTLE HULL GIVES OUT, WE CAN ESCAPE BATTLE SITUATIONS WITH THE INNER POD.

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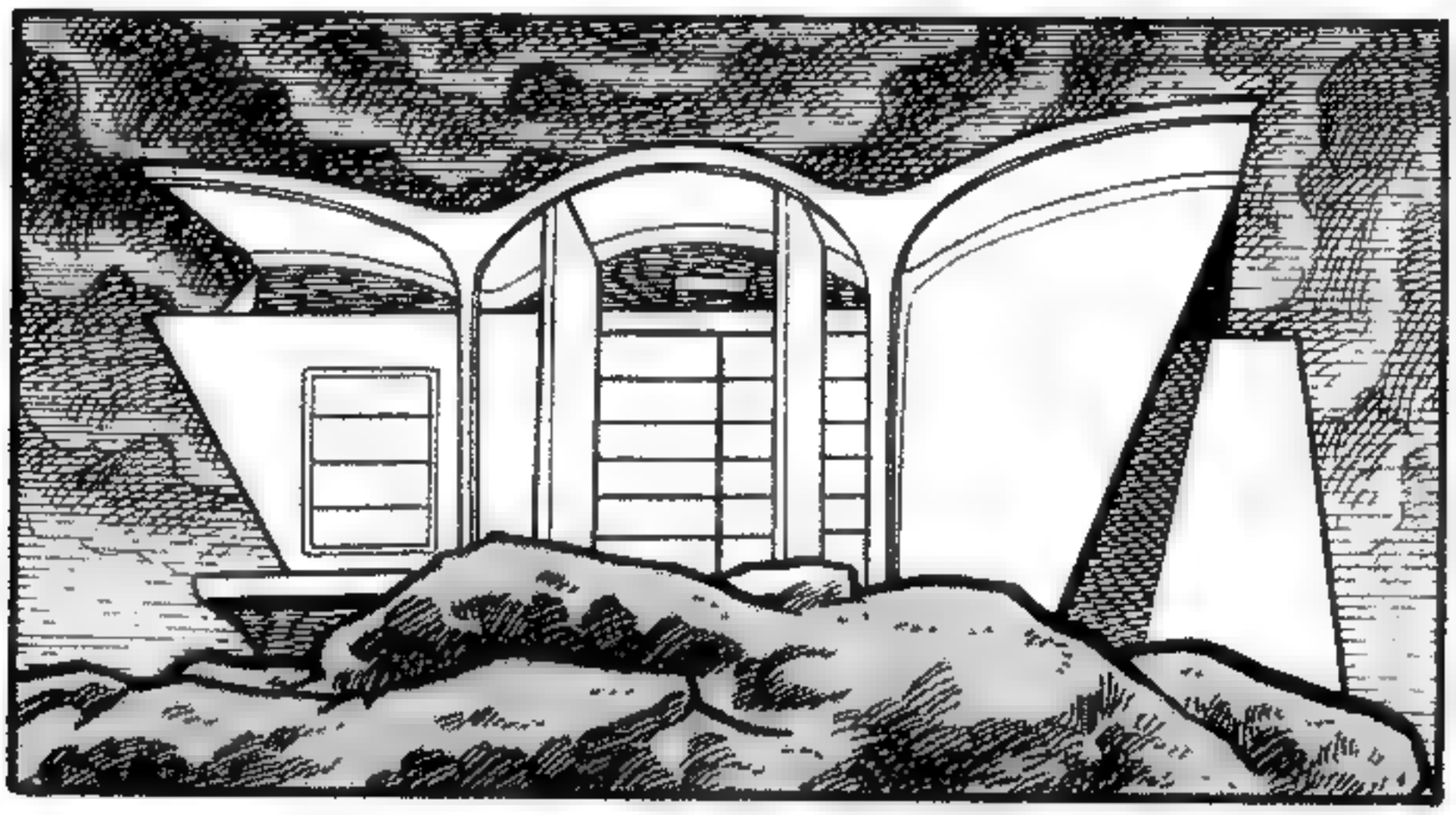
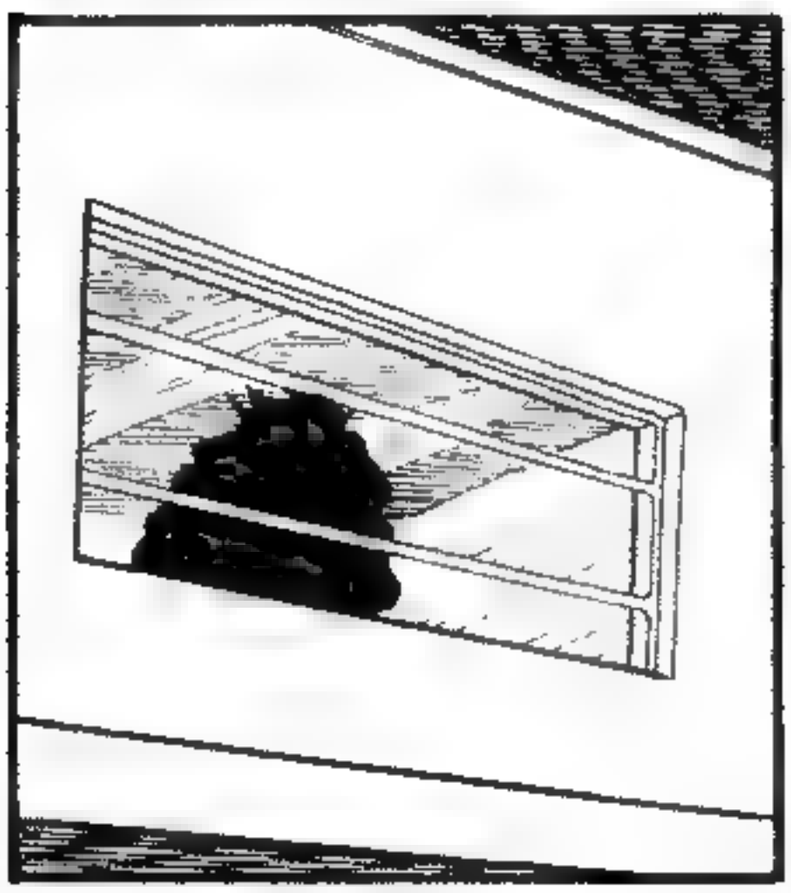
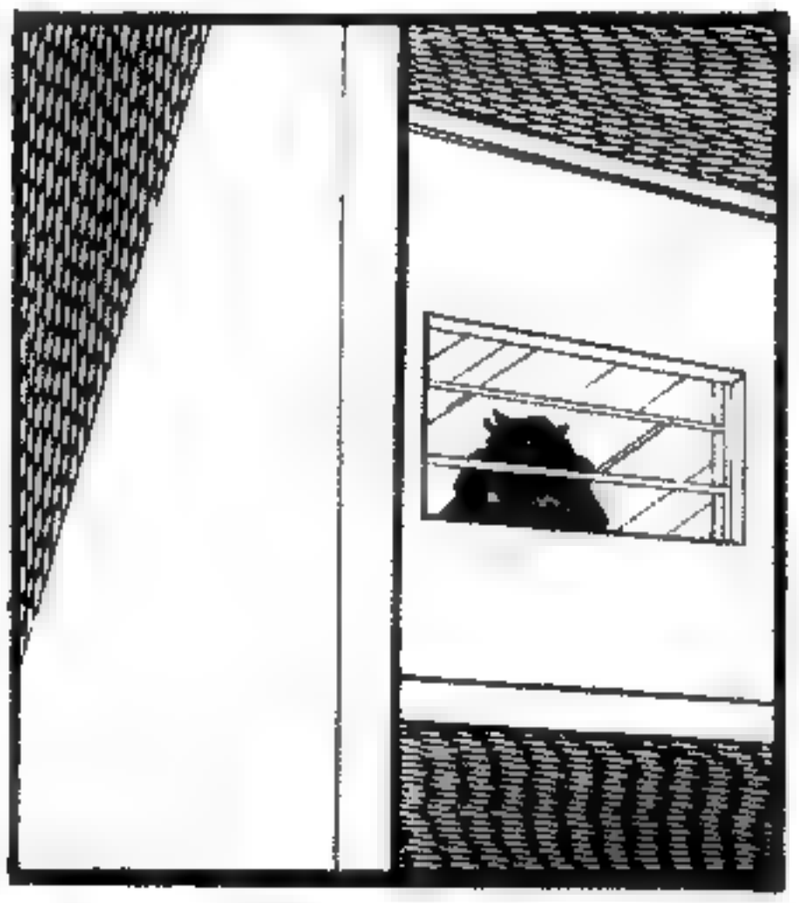
SILENCE AND COMPROMISE







WHY DID YOU DO THAT TO 008?

DOCTOR?

IT'S STRONGER. IT'S STURDIER. IT'S ENDOWED WITH NEW AND BETTER ABILITIES.

HAHAHAHA

I POURED MY HEART AND SOUL INTO BUILDING THAT FRAME.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 003? DO WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

HE FEELS FURTHER FROM HIS HUMANITY THAN HE EVER HAS.

YOU REBUILT HIM WITH THE COLD LOGIC OF A SCIENTIST.

THAT'S JUST IT, DOCTOR. WHAT ABOUT HIS NEEDS?

HE'S WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS NEEDED IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST BLACK GHOST.

HE SHOULD BE GRATE-FUL.

THOSE SCALES ALLOW HIM TO MOVE EVEN MORE QUICKLY UNDERWATER.

YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF HUMANITY.

YOU'VE GIVEN HIM SILVER SCALES.

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND, DO YOU?

WHY? I DON'T UNDER-STAND!

NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAY THINK!

00$ IS PROUD OF HIS HERITAGE. PROUD OF HIS BLACK SKIN...

WE MUSTN'T HIDE WHO HE IS.

DOCTOR...

I WAS THINKING OF HIM.

AND SILVER IS FAR BETTER COLOR THAN THE BLACK OF HIS SKIN.

. . . . . .

SLAM

. . . . . .

DO

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DO

I'VE FOUND IT MUCH HEALTHY TO TALK ABOUT THINGS. IS IT YOUR NEW BODY?

NOTHING THAT CAN BE HELPED.

HEY, 00$. WHAT'S WRONG?

JUST MY BODY.

THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED WHO I AM IN MY HEART...

IT'S A GIFT.

WE'RE BETTER NOW. LOOK AT THE THINGS WE CAN DO!

SPLISH

SPLISH

BUT I'VE LEARNED TO LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE.

WHEN I FIRST GOT CHANGED INTO THIS, I COULDN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT.

THAT IS A FANTASTIC GIFT THAT YOU CAN NOW GIVE TO HUMANITY.

YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT YOU'RE ALIVE AND YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP PEOPLE.

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IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT I NOW HAVE SILVER SCALES LIKE A FISH. I STILL KNOW WHO I AM.

OF COURSE YOU'RE RIGHT, 004. I WAS BEING PETTY.

004!

. . . . .

LOOK AT ME! I'M ALL METAL NOW!

HEH HEH HEH. THERE YA GO, 008!

LET'S SEE HOW THIS NEW BODY WORKS.

SPLISH SPLASH

SPLISH SPLASH

SPLISH SPLASH

SPLASH

WHIZZZZZ

YEAH, BUT IT'S BORING SO I DOZED OFF.

HEY, AREN'T YOU ON GUARD DUTY?

JUST COME SEE THIS FOR A SECOND.

AH, 00$, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

NOK

NOK

DAMN.

NO, I JUST WANT YOU TO WATCH!

YOU WANNA TAKE OVER, 00$?

IT IS QUITE DULL.

SPLASH SPLASH

WOOSH

DO DO DO

I WAS JUST DROPPING BY TO THANK YOU. MY NEW BODY IS AMAZING!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, DR. GIL-MORE.

008, I'M SORRY. I HEARD YOU WERE UPSET...

.....

THANK YOU.

FWISH

OH, DON'T WORRY. HE CAN'T HEAR US. HE SLEEPS LIKE A ROCK.

QUIET NOW. THE BABY'S SLEEPING.

THAT FLY WAS REALLY STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES.

YEAH, HE IS A STRANGE LITTLE BOY.

...THEN HE SLEEPS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

HUH?

HIS SLEEP CYCLE IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM OURS. HE'S AWAKE FOR FIFTEEN DAYS STRAIGHT...

HUH?

BAH, WHAT IS 003 THINKING?

HELEN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ME MAKE DINNER?

HE'S GOING TO LIVE A LONG, HEALTHY LIFE.

SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MEETING SOMEONE IN TOKYO.

YEAH. HE DARTED OUT NOT TOO LONG AGO.

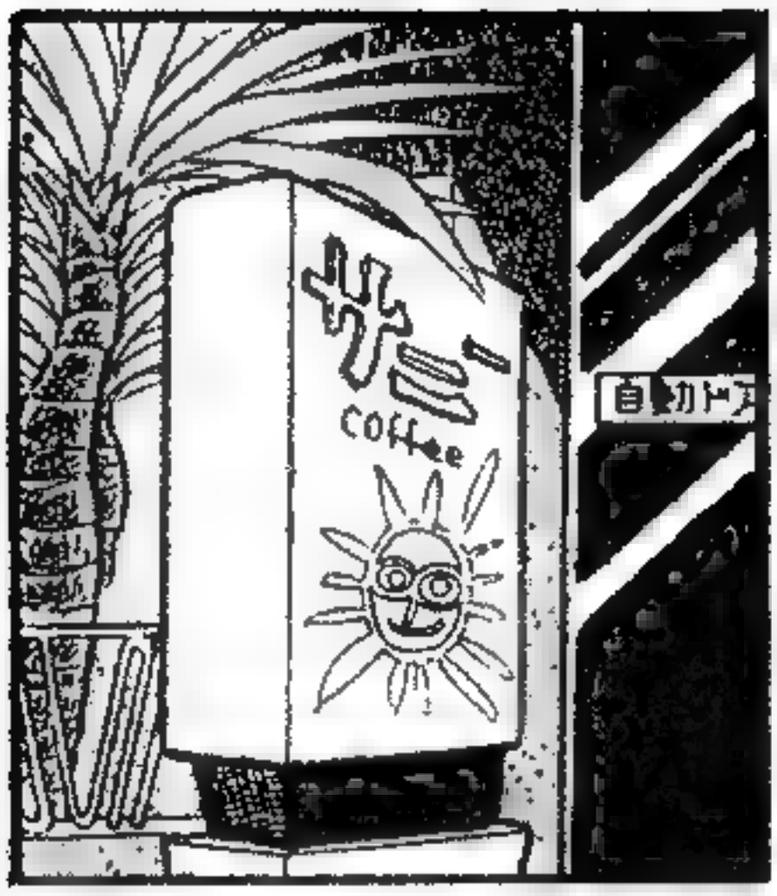
HAVE YOU SEEN 009?

AND I KNOW SHE'S DANGER-OUS.

001 HAS LEFT THE ISSUE OF THAT GIRL TO ME.

...GO ALONE TO MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING, WOULD HE?

HE WOULDN'T ...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NO PRO-BLEM.
SORRY WE'RE LATE.
KLAK
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KLOK
AH! GLAD YOU'RE STILL HERE.

WE'D LIKE TWO MITSU-TOMO ENGINE-ERING...

WELCOME, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?

YOU DISAP-PEARED TWO DAYS AGO...

HURRICANE JOE...I MEAN MR. JOE SHIMAMURA.

...AND THE COMPANY'S STOCK HAS ALREADY HIT A HUNDRED MILLION YEN...

WELL, OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT IT WAS COMPLETED OVER A YEAR AGO...

SO WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS ULTRASONIC DEVICE?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

HE MEANS TWO COFFEES.

IDIOT!

ON THE BOOKS IT'S A JAPANESE MAN NAMED TANAKA, BUT REALLY...

THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUES-TION!

WHO IS THE PRESI-DENT?

THEY EMPLOY TWELVE HUNDRED PEOPLE.

THEIR MAIN BUILDING IS IN TOKYO AND THEY HAVE TWO FACTORIES IN CHIBA AND KAWASAKI.

HE HE.

I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM THE ABLE "MR. TOP."

EXCELLENT. GOOD RESEARCH. THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW.

SO THE PRESIDENT'S HOME IS IN HAKONE...?

HE LIVES IN THE HAKONE MOUNTAINS.

...IT'S A FOREIGNER NAMED BAN BOGART!

AHH!

YIKES!

GENTLEMEN, YOUR COFFEE.

W-WE WILL!

I'D SUGGEST YOU STOP YOUR INVESTIGATION NOW.

AND THE CASH AS PROMISED.

HUH? WHERE'D HURRICANE JOE GO?

YOU SCARED US...

ARGHH.

CLATTER

CLATTER

ALL RIGHT!

HAKONE, HUH...

箱根
HAKONE 2km

STRANGE. A BUILDING WITH NO DOORS OR WINDOWS.

FWISH

LOOK AT THAT.

CHFF

THAP

. . . . . .

. . . . . .

SNIFF SNIFF

OH! JUST A DOG!

RUSTLE RUSTLE

YIKES!

WHAT THE HELL IS IT?

THAT'S NOT A DOG!

WAIT A MINUTE...

EVEN A COLT WOULDN'T BE THAT SMALL.

IT CAN'T BE.

A HORSE?

HEEE

H-HELEN?

WHAT?

WHUMP

SHU

UHH...

STOP!

KRAK

CONTINUED IN VOLUME 9.